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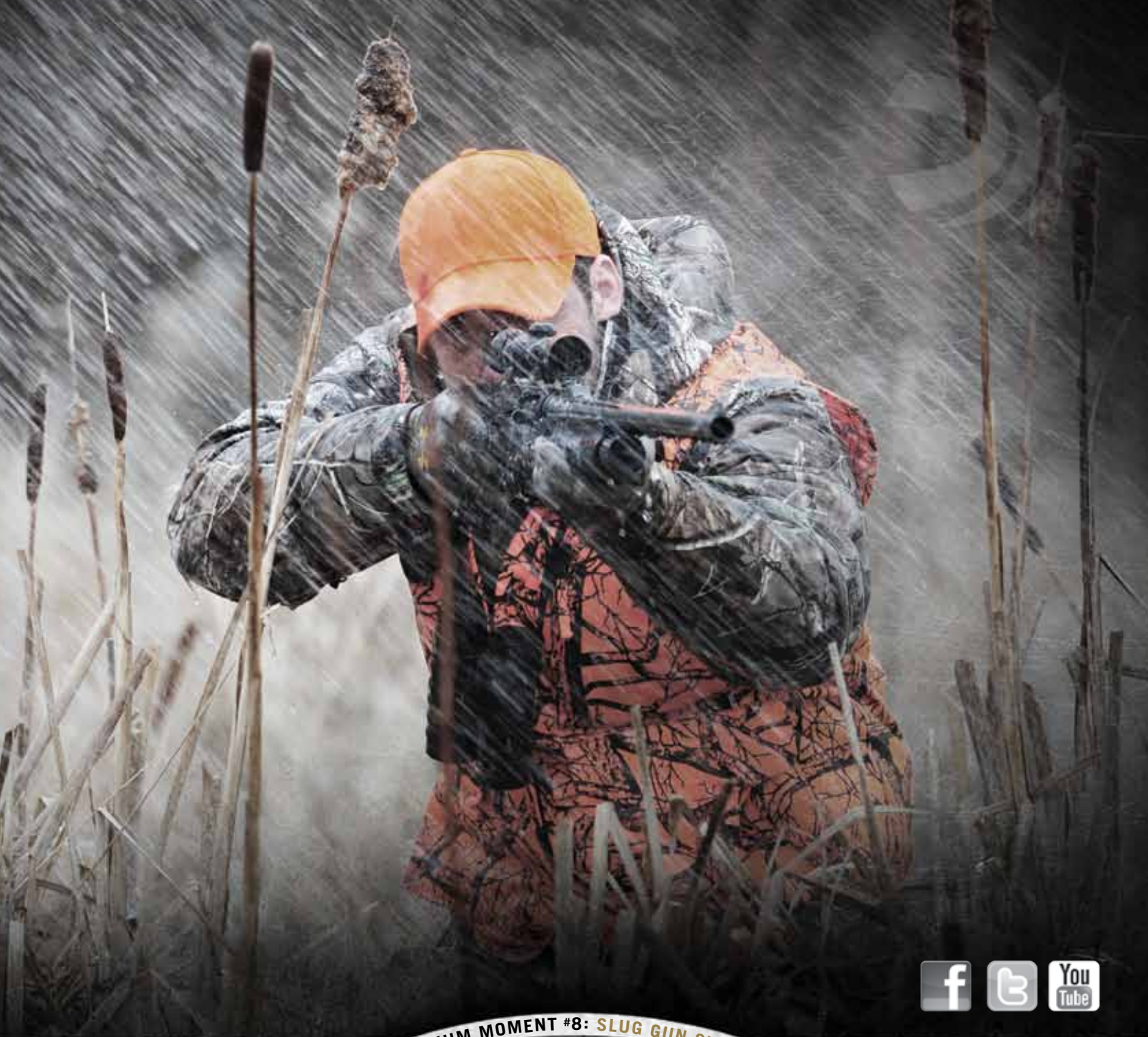
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DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

You may apply at any DFG license sales office, license agent or online. All applications for the Big Game Drawing must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2012.

NEW TO HUNTING?

HUNTING STEPS AT A GLANCE

California Hunter Education Requirement

In a continued effort to reduce firearm accidents, the State of California requires all first time hunters, regardless of age, to complete a state-certified hunter education training course or pass a comprehensive equivalency test before purchasing a hunting license. For more information on the California Hunter Education Program visit www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered.

Obtain a State of California Hunting License

A valid California hunting license and validations are required to take any bird or mammal and must be carried by hunters while in the field. A license can be obtained at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols.

Hunting Licenses, Tags & Drawing Applications

Hunting licenses and tag fees will vary. The fees are listed on page 8.

In addition, hunters should be aware of drawing application fees and application deadlines.

Get Outdoors ID

Every hunter is assigned a unique "GO ID" number through the Automated License Data System. The GO ID number will be printed on all licenses and tags and will remain the same each year. This makes it easy to look up previous purchases, order replacements for lost documents and even purchase a license as a gift for someone else. See page 64 for more information.

Big Game Drawing Worksheet

Hunters who plan to apply for the Big Game Drawing will find a worksheet included in this book (see page 17). Completing the worksheet in advance will help expedite the Drawing application process. Write down the GO ID number for the hunter, as well as which hunts you want to apply for. Take the worksheet with you when you apply at a DFG license sales office or license agent. Do not leave the agent without confirming the correct information on your Big Game Drawing receipt. For more information related to the Big Game Drawing process see page 14.

Laws & Regulations

Don't forget to bring your licenses and tags with you in the field. If you bag an animal, immediately fill out the tag and attach it to the animal before doing anything else! On your way home, get the tag validated, and after you get home, drop the report card in the mail or report your harvest via our new Internet reporting option (see page 13 for more details).

Additional information related to laws and regulations can also be located in the DFG Mammal Hunting Regulations Booklet or online at www.dfg.ca.gov under "Publications".

Hunting License & Tag Fees

Purchase Hunting Licenses Online!

You can now purchase a California hunting license and tags online.

For more information, visit DFG's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols

Includes 5% license agent handling fee, 3% nonrefundable application fee and \$4.00 nonrefundable processing fee for deer and bear tags. License year runs from July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. Looking for a license agent in your area? Visit our web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/.

hunting licenses

Resident (age 16 or older on July 1, 2012)	\$44.85
Nonresident	\$155.52
Junior - resident/nonresident (under age 16 on July 1, 2012).....	\$11.62
Disabled Veteran*	\$7.05
Duplicate (annual licenses only)	\$9.98

hunting tags

First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag

Resident: \$29.98 Nonresident: \$263.01

Second-Deer Tag/ Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application (Junior)

Resident: \$36.98 Nonresident: \$263.01

Duplicate Big Game Tag** \$9.53

Bear Tag

Resident: \$43.46 Nonresident: \$277.10

Wild Pig Tag

Resident: \$21.34 Nonresident: \$71.54

drawing application fee

Pronghorn Antelope	\$8.13 per person
Elk	\$8.13 per person
Bighorn Sheep.....	\$8.13 per person

fund-raising random drawing tags

Open Zone Deer Tag	\$5.66 per entry
Owens Valley Region Wide Elk Tag	\$5.66 per entry
Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep Tag	\$5.66 per entry
Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope Tag	\$5.66 per entry

hunter education

Hunter Education Equivalency Exam**	\$49.50
Duplicate Hunter Education Certificate***	\$5.97

*Initial ALDS license must be purchased at a DFG license sales office. Future licenses may be purchased at license agents or online.

Available at DFG license sales offices only. **NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education.

***Customers with DFG verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer records may purchase duplicates at license agents or online.

Interested in a Lifetime Hunting License? Visit www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ for details!

A PROPERLY FILLED-OUT TAG

DEER AND ELK TAG VALIDATIONS

Upon the killing of any deer or elk the tag holder shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the report card. The card is to be filled out completely, legibly, and permanently. Cut out or punch out and completely remove notches or punch holes for the month and date of the kill. The license tag shall be attached to the antlers of an antlered animal or to the ear of an antlerless animal immediately upon being killed.

Deer tags are required to be attached to the antlers during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. Except as otherwise provided, possession of any untagged deer shall be a violation. (Refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4336).

Every person to whom a deer license tag is issued shall return the completed report card portion to the department within thirty days of taking a deer. For information about internet reporting, see page 13.

Deer and elk tags shall be countersigned before transporting such animal except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag.

Persons authorized to validate or countersign deer or elk tags are listed in subsection T14-708.6(c) of the California Code of Regulations and are also listed on page 73 of this booklet.

Note: No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer or elk tag.

Note: Only Department of Fish & Game employees are authorized to validate any bear or big horn sheep tag.



Deer hunting

GENERAL DEER TAG INFORMATION

In addition to a valid California hunting license, deer tags are also required and must be in possession when taking deer. Applicants for deer tags must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1, of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1.

Deer tags are issued upon purchase at all DFG license sales offices, license agents, or online at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. If purchased online, the tag will be issued by mail, and hunters should receive the tag within 15 business days.

To find an authorized license agent in your area visit our web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/. To purchase your hunting items online visit our website at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

DEER TAG CLASSIFICATIONS

Premium Deer Hunt Tags – Any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after July 1, of the previous year. Hunters must apply in the Big Game Drawing to be awarded a Premium Deer Hunt tag. Hunters must use their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply in the Big Game Drawing for Premium Hunts (except for junior hunters who may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for Apprentice Hunts). Hunters will lose all accumulated deer preference points if they receive one of these tags as their first choice tag in the drawing.

Premium Deer Tags are:

- **C, D12 and D17;**
- **X1, X2, X3A, X3B, X4, X5A, X5B, X6A, X6B, X7A, X7B, X8, X9A, X9B, X9C, X10 and X12;**
- **G1, G3, G6, G8, G9, G12, G13, G19, G21, G37, G38 and G39;**
- **M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M11, MA1 and MA3;**
- **A1 (PREMIUM in 2012), A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A20, A21, A24, A25, A26, A27, A30 and A33; and**
- **J1, J3, J4, J7, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20 and J21.**

Restricted Deer Hunt Tags – Any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after August 1 of the previous year. Restricted deer hunt tags may be issued upon the purchase of a First-Deer Tag. Second-Deer Tag applicants may also obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time, provided they have not been issued a premium or restricted hunt as a First-Deer Tag and they do not have a pending drawing application for a premium or restricted hunt. Tags will be issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

Restricted Deer Tags are **A17, A31 and D6.**

Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags – Any hunt that did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1, in the previous year. Unrestricted deer hunt tags will be issued upon the purchase of either a First-Deer Tag or Second-Deer Tag.

Unrestricted Deer Tags are: **AO** (Archery Only) tags; Zones **A, B, D3-5, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11, D13, D14, D15, D16 and D19;** and Area-Specific Archery Hunts **A18, A19, A22 and A32.**

Deer Tag Applications

Only a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may be used to apply for premium deer hunt tags in the Big Game Drawing, except for junior hunters applying for apprentice hunts.

Only junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

You must purchase a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/ First-Deer Tag before purchasing a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag. First-Deer and Second-Deer tags may be purchased at the same time.

It is illegal to purchase more than one First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag and one Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag in the same license year.

Persons convicted of a deer violation during the 2011/2012 license year may not apply for deer tags in 2012/2013.

Deer Tag Exchanges

Premium deer tags cannot be exchanged. Non-Premium deer tags may be exchanged if all of the following conditions are met:

- The earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;
- The tag quota for the tag being exchanged has not filled;
- Tags are still available for the zone being requested; and
- The exchange fee of \$9.53 for the exchange tag accompanies your request.
- Deer tag exchanges are only processed at DFG license sales offices. (T14-708.4)

Deer Tag Refunds

Deer Tag and Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable, regardless of closures due to fire, weather or any other conditions (T14-708.2). Except that a portion of Nonresident Deer Tag Fees (the difference between the fee paid for a nonresident deer license tag application and a resident deer license tag application) may be refunded if a nonresident deer tag drawing application was submitted and a deer tag was not issued or if a nonresident tag is issued, and all of the following conditions are met:

1. The deer license tag is not a premium tag
2. The deer license tag is returned prior to the earliest opening date for the hunt
3. The tag quota has not been filled for the hunt

Nonresident deer tag drawing application requests for refunds shall be submitted on or before March 1, each year, to DFG's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834. If the deadline to submit the request for refund falls on a weekend or holiday requests will be accepted until the close of business on the first state business day following the deadline to submit the request.

1st and 2nd Deer Tag Applications

A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may only be used to apply for the following hunts:

- **First Choice** – Premium Deer Hunts or PD (Preference Point Only) – The Point Only code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- **Second and Third Choice** – Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be a premium deer, restricted deer or unrestricted deer hunt tag. *

First-Deer Tag Drawing Application entries for Point Only or premium deer tags must be submitted to any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online by June 2, 2012.

A First-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Restricted Deer Hunt
- Unrestricted Deer Hunt
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Issued on July 2, 2012*

If any premium deer hunt tags remain after the Big Game Drawing, First-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any leftover premium deer hunt tags at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2012, at DFG license sales offices, license agents or online. Tags will be issued upon request to First-Deer Tag applicants until the tag quota for the hunt is filled. *

* In 2011 no premium deer hunt tags remained after the second choice round of the big game drawing. DFG recommends that hunters applying in the Big Game Drawing use their third choice to select their desired non-premium deer hunt tag, should they be unsuccessful in the first and second choice rounds

A Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application may be used **ONLY** by junior hunters to apply in the Big Game Drawing. Junior Hunters may not submit a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application if they applied for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application hunt choices are limited as follows:

- **First Choice** – Must be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or PD (Preference Point Only) – The Point Only code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- **Second and Third Choice** - Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tag. DFG recommends that hunters use their third choice to select their desired non-premium deer hunt tag. Junior hunters may also select a restricted deer hunt as their second or third tag choice, **ONLY** if they were issued an unrestricted deer hunt tag on their first deer tag.

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Applications must be submitted to any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online by June 2, 2012.

A Second-Deer Tag may be used to obtain a tag for the following hunts:

- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags (see conditions below)

Second-Deer Tag applicants may obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time provided they have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag, and they do not have a pending drawing application for a premium or restricted hunt. Tags will be issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

Leftover Premium and Restricted Deer Tags Issued on August 2, 2012

Second-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any remaining premium or restricted deer hunt tags at 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2012, at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online. Tags will be issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled. In 2011, there were no premium deer hunt or restricted deer hunt tags available as of August 2nd.



Clayton Foley, age 13, with his first buck, taken during the J3 Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Hunt on the first day of the hunt.

DEER HUNT TAG ZONES

A, B, and D Zone Deer Tags: These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment only and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone except:

- B Zone Deer Tags are valid in any B zone;
- D3-5 Deer Tags are valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and
- D11, D13, or D15 tags may be used in any of these three zones.

C Zone Deer Tags: These tags are valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the general season only, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. To hunt with archery equipment only during the archery season in any C zone you must apply in the Big Game Drawing for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

X Zone Deer Tags: These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

Archery Only (AO) Tags: These tags allow hunting with archery equipment only during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones. An Archery-Only tag may be used by military personnel only for Additional Hunt G10. (To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag for the appropriate zone.) You may not possess a firearm or crossbow when hunting under the authority of an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: DFG recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Contact your nearest DFG regional office or the Foundation at www.nbef.org for information on class availability.

Additional Hunt Deer Tags: Additional deer hunts offer antlerless, either-sex, and buck hunting opportunities in a variety of locations throughout the state. They include Apprentice Deer Hunts, military lands hunts, and special equipment hunts.

Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags: Applicants must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying, and must possess a valid 2012/2013 California junior hunting license. (See pages 29-30 for more information on Apprentice Deer Hunts.) Junior hunters receiving Apprentice Deer Hunt tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

Military Lands Hunts: Additional hunts for G8, G9, J10 and A33 tags, are held on military installations and offer limited numbers of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the DFG's Big Game Drawing.

Additional Hunts G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), G10 (Camp Pendleton Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. Military personnel must contact the base directly for information on application procedures.

Area-Specific Archery Hunts: These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

DEER DEFINITIONS

Antlerless Deer: Female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length. T14-351(b).

Either-sex Deer: Antlerless deer, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler. T14-351(c).

Forked-horn Buck: A male deer having a branched antler on either side with the branch in the upper two-thirds of the antler. Eyeguards or other bony projections on the lower one-third of the antler shall not be considered as points or branches. T14-351(a).

Spike Buck Deer: A male deer with unbranched antlers on both sides which are more than 3 inches in length. FGC 204(d).



Brandon Straw of Elk Grove, California was lucky enough to draw a G3 deer tag and take this buck near Aberdeen in Inyo County.

INTERNET REPORTING OF BIG GAME TAGS

In anticipation of mandatory harvest reporting for all big-game species in the future, in 2012 DFG will offer an Internet reporting option for hunters to submit big game tag report card information. For the 2012 hunting season, both successful and unsuccessful hunters will be able to report their hunt results online via DFG's Online License Service at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. Hunters logging on to the system will be able to view all their tags that require reports. Hunters submitting reports online will receive a report confirmation number and will not have to mail in the report card. DFG encourages all hunters (including those who were unsuccessful or who had a tag but did not hunt) to use this new service to meet their respective reporting requirements.

Accurate harvest information is a crucial element in developing population estimates and the resulting tag quotas as well as in assessing the performance of current hunt programs and in the development of new opportunities. An on-line reporting option will provide that information in a timelier, more convenient manner. DFG anticipates that Internet reporting will be available beginning in July of 2012.

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Big Game Dra

How does the drawing work?

GENERAL INFORMATION

All premium deer hunt tags and elk, antelope and bighorn sheep tags are distributed through the DFG Big Game Drawing.

Instructions for applying in the 2012 Big Game Drawing for your deer, elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep entries can be found on page 17.

For the 2012 Big Game Drawing, 10 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. The DFG started tracking preference points in 2002.

DEER TAG QUOTA SPLITS

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on DFG science-based proposals and public input. Please check the Commission's web site at www.fgc.ca.gov for information on how to become involved in the regulation-setting process.

Premium Deer Tags

Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing.

Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

Apprentice Deer Tags

Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing.

Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

HOW THE DEER DRAWINGS WORK

- Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in Draw-By-Choice drawings. Quota
- splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, and other special criteria (such as those for Apprentice Hunts).
- The DFG may run the drawing within 10 business days of the application deadline.
- After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been verified, the computer assigns each person (or party) a unique random number. Hunters who apply as a party receive the same random number as the party leader.
- The preference point value for party applications entered in the Big Game Drawing is determined by averaging all party members' deer preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down (T14-708.14(e)).
- Just prior to the drawing, the computer sorts all applications according to first tag choice, preference point totals, and random number.
- The computer begins awarding first tag choices to applicants with the most preference points, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number).
- Party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags (T14-708.15(a)(2)). Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses the party and draws the applicant with the next lowest random number to fill the tag quota.
- After the preference point round is completed, unsuccessful applications are resorted by hunt choice and random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and the computer begins awarding tags based on applicant's first-choice without consideration of accumulated preference points, until all draw-by-choice tag quotas fill or until all applications have been processed.
- All remaining unsuccessful applications are then sorted by second tag choice, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random

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number) and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining without consideration of accumulated preference points.

- If tags remain after second tag choices have been processed, applications are sorted once again by third tag choice, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and any remaining tags are awarded without consideration of accumulated points.
- For applications not drawn in the third round hunters will be notified of available tags so they may reapply.

DRAWING RESULTS

Beginning June 22, 2012, applicants may look up their drawing results by logging in to the License Sales Service on DFG's web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. On the same date, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from DFG license sales offices.

NOTIFYING SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Tags will be mailed to successful applicants as soon as possible after the drawing. If you do not receive your tag by July 2, 2012, please contact your nearest DFG license sales office.

NOTIFYING UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

After the drawing, unsuccessful drawing notices will also be mailed to unsuccessful applicants by July 2, 2012. Notices will list available hunts as of the notice date. Unsuccessful applicants may go to any DFG license sales office, license agent or online to claim available tags. Hunters should take their drawing notice, hunting license, Big Game Drawing Receipt or identification card to a DFG license sales office or license agent. The sales clerk can scan one of these documents to retrieve your customer information and issue an available tag. It

is not necessary to have the drawing notice to claim an available tag. Unsuccessful applicants may also claim available tags online; however, tags will be delivered by mail within 15 business days.

OBTAINING HUNTING MAPS

For general maps detailing individual zone or additional deer hunt boundaries, go to the following DFG web address: www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/zonemapsinfo.html

More detailed maps are also available from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; or on-line at: www.nationalforeststore.com/

BLM surface management maps may be obtained at district offices, the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825 (916-978-4400) or on-line at: www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/iac/maps_pubroom.html

USGS topographic maps may be available from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or by contacting the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225 (888-ASK-USGS) or on-line at: www.usgs.gov/



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Applying in the Big Game Drawing

GENERAL INFORMATION

Under ALDS, applicants can apply for the big game drawing at any DFG license sales office, license agent or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

All Big Game Drawing entries must be **submitted** to any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online by June 2, 2012. Applicants applying for preference points must submit their applications by the same date.

Get Outdoors ID

The first time each customer applies for any license they are issued a permanent Get Outdoors Identification Number or GO ID. Your unique GO ID is printed on every item issued from ALDS. It is used to retrieve your customer information each time you purchase a license or apply for drawings.

TO APPLY IN THE BIG GAME DRAWING, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

Preprinted Big Game Drawing Worksheet

Worksheets are provided for your convenience to expedite the sales transaction. Take the worksheet and a valid identification as noted on the back of the worksheet prior to applying at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online.

The sales clerk will scan the barcode (your GO ID) at the top of your worksheet; this will help ensure you are connected to your preference point history for each species. Any new or missing customer information should be updated at the time of application.

Using the Blank Big Game Drawing Worksheet

Hunters who do not have a preprinted Big Game Drawing Worksheet may use the blank worksheet on page 17 and make copies of the worksheet for each applicant. If you have previously purchased an ALDS license, make

sure you bring the license with you when applying at a DFG license sales office or license agent. The sales clerk can scan the previous license document to retrieve your customer information.

Big Game Drawing Tag Applications

Enter the hunt codes for the deer, elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep hunt tags you wish to apply for in the drawing. See page 26 for deer tag hunt codes. If you are applying for a deer point only, enter PD in the first choice box. Junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application; see page 10 for more information.

For elk tag hunt codes see page 46, for antelope tag hunt codes see page 51, and for bighorn sheep tag hunt codes see page 54.

Party Applications

Hunters interested in applying as a party, should read "Applying as a Party" on the appropriate species' pages for more information. **Note:** DFG license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Identification Number. See page 19.

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Each applicant who applies in the Big Game Drawing will receive a Big Game Drawing Receipt at the point of sale. The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), and accumulated preference points, and a Party Identification Number if applicable. Applicants will receive a Big Game Drawing Receipt for each species the applicant applies for. Please verify that the hunt choice(s), and party information, if applicable, are correct prior to leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk will need to cancel the transaction and resell the item with the correct information.



2012 CALIFORNIA BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET

The Big Game Drawing Worksheet is only used when applying in the annual Big Game Drawing. This worksheet is provided to expedite the licensing process, complete the Big Game Drawing Worksheet before applying. Drawing choices must be submitted to any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online by June 2, 2012.

INSTRUCTIONS: Enter hunt code(s) from the 2012 California Big Game Hunting booklet for each species for which you are applying. You will be prompted for the hunt code(s) during the sales transaction. The Party Identification Number is printed on the Big Game Drawing Receipt for the specific species. The first person to apply is considered the party leader. The party leader can provide the Party Identification Number to other hunters to allow them to join the party. See the back page for more instructions and party information.

When applying at DFG license sales office or license agent, you must present the following items:

- A previously purchased ALDS license item; or
- An acceptable proof of identification as listed on the back page of the worksheet; and
- Evidence of hunter education, (hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS or applied in the previous Big Game Drawing will have hunter education on file).

NOTE: You may submit applications for other hunters, however, you must present the items listed above (or copy) in order to proceed with the sales transaction.

HUNTER INFORMATION: Complete the following information so the sales clerk may update your customer profile.

FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME		LAST NAME		SUFFIX	DATE OF BIRTH	GO ID	DMV ID/STATE ID
									Present your ID
GENDER	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DAYTIME PHONE		EMAIL		
PHYSICAL STREET ADDRESS					CITY			STATE	ZIP CODE

INSTRUCTIONS: Enter hunt code(s) from the 2012 California Big Game Hunting booklet for each species for which you are applying. You will be prompted for the hunt code(s) during the sales transaction. The Party Identification Number is printed on the Big Game Drawing Receipt for the specific species. The first person to apply is considered the party leader. The party leader can provide the Party Identification Number to other hunters to allow them to join the party. See the back page for more instructions and party information.

First-Deer Tag Drawing Application:

To enter the Big Game Drawing for a premium deer hunt tag or preference point only

Party Leader's
Party Identification Number _____

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Elk Tag Drawing Application:

Party Leader's
Party Identification Number _____

Hunt Choice

Antelope Tag Drawing Application:

Party Leader's
Party Identification Number _____

Hunt Choice

Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application:

Hunt Choice

Random Drawing for Fund-raising Big Game License Tags

This year the DFG has added a Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep tag and a Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope tag to the Fund-raising Random Drawings as well as the Open Zone deer tag and an Owens Valley Region Wide bull tule elk tag. The fee is \$5.66 per application, per species and any resident or nonresident 12 years of age (for deer, elk and antelope) by July 1, 2012 and 16 years of age (for sheep) by July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they wish. Please read 2012 California Big Game Hunting booklet or visit <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/fundraising.html> for more information.

Instructions for Completing the Big Game Drawing Worksheet

Applicants can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any DFG license sales office, license agent or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. Hunters who do not have a preprinted Big Game Worksheet may use this blank worksheet to help expedite the application process. You may make copies of the worksheet for each applicant, if needed, or it is available online at www.dfg.ca.gov.

Online License Sales

To purchase your hunting items online visit our website at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Important: In order to purchase hunting items online, hunters must have proof of hunter education on file in ALDS. Hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS, or applied in previous Big Game Drawing should already have hunter education on file.

GO ID

Every person who is issued a license through ALDS is issued a permanent Get Outdoors Identification Number (GO ID). Your GO ID is printed on every license item. It is used to retrieve your customer information each time you purchase a license, apply for drawings, look up drawing results, and to track your Big Game preference points.

Please make sure you are providing the same personal information you have provided in the Big Game Drawings. This will help ensure you are connected to your preference point history for each species.

If you have previously purchased an ALDS license, make sure you bring the license with you when applying at a DFG license sales office or license agent. The sales clerk can scan the previous license document to retrieve your customer information.

Identification Required

ALDS regulations require you to present identification at the time of purchase. This also ensures DFG will have an accurate record of our license customers in an electronic database. Acceptable proof of identification:

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship.
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification described above or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed above). Once a customer has purchased a license in ALDS, they may use any previous ALDS license in lieu of identification. Agents can scan the previously issued license to retrieve your customer record.

First-Deer and Second-Deer Tag Drawing Applications

Enter hunt code(s) for the premium deer hunt tags for which you wish to apply. If you are applying for a Point Only, enter PD in the first choice box. You may also apply for restricted deer hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tags as second or third choices tag when applying for a premium deer hunt tag or point only with your first choice. Please read the 2012 California Big Game booklet for more information on hunt codes and drawing strategy.

Elk, Antelope and Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Applications

Enter the code for the hunt for which you wish to apply. Please read the 2012 California Big Game booklet for elk, antelope and bighorn sheep hunt and preference point codes.

Applying as a Party

A Party Identification Number is needed to join a party. Every applicant receives a Party Identification Number printed on their Big Game Drawing Receipt at the end of the sales transaction. The party leader, the first person of the party to apply, should provide the other applicants of the party his/her Party Identification Number. **DFG license sales offices and license agents do not have access to party identification numbers.**

For more information on applying as a party, please read the 2012 California Big Game booklet.

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters will receive a Big Game Drawing Receipt for each species for which they apply. Please verify that the hunt choice(s), and party information (if applying as a party) are correct prior to leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk will need to cancel the transaction and resell the item with the correct information.

RANDOM DRAWING FOR FUND-RAISING OPEN ZONE DEER TAG

DFG is conducting a Fund-raising Random Drawing for one Open Zone deer tag. An Open Zone deer tag allows the hunter to hunt during the authorized season dates of any hunt or zone, using the specific method and meeting any special conditions of the tag for that hunt or zone.

Any resident or nonresident 12 years of age by July 1, 2012, is eligible to apply for the Fund-raising Random Drawing deer tag and applicants may apply as many times as they wish. The entry fee for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag is \$5.66 per application. There is no additional tag fee for the successful tag holder. The successful applicant will be mailed notification; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Fund-raising Random Drawing tag applicants are not required to possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license at the time of entry. However, the successful tag holder shall possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license before the tag is issued.

www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/fundraising.html

APPLYING AS A PARTY

When applying for a deer, elk, or antelope drawing tag application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

1. Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader); or,
2. Joining an existing party;

The first member of the party to apply should indicate they are applying as the leader. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and issued a Party Identification Number (printed on their Big Game Drawing Receipt at the end of the transaction). Note: Every applicant will receive a Party Identification Number printed on their Big Game Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Identification Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. Note: DFG license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Identification Number.

When other party members apply they must indicate that they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Identification Number to the sales clerk (or enter it themselves if applying online). Note: If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction, they will not need the party number and can just indicate to the sales clerk that they are joining that person's party. The sales clerk can then link the applications together as a party without the party identification number.

When the Party Identification Number is entered in the drawing application screen it will bring up the hunting party information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the party identification number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (Note: If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transaction or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any DFG license sales offices, license agents, or online.

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters should verify the information on their Big Game Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the transaction within four hours and the hunter must reapply. If the transaction has exceeded the four hour limit, the applicants must contact DFG's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573, or e-mail point@dfg.ca.gov.

2011 Preliminary Deer Harvest by Antler Class

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked-horn or better bucks and total reported buck harvest for zones and hunts as of February 14, 2012 (a).

Zone/Hunt	Two Point Bucks (%)	Three Point Bucks (%)	Four Point Bucks (%)	Four+ Point Bucks (%)	Total Buck Harvest
Archery Only Tags (b)	50	26.7	14.8	8	176
A Zone (South-110)	69.4	22.9	6.8	0.9	1171
A Zone (North-160)	61.4	29.7	8.3	0.6	944
Zone B1	42.4	36.8	18.3	2.3	698
Zone B2	55.7	27.4	14.6	2	707
Zone B3	49.0	35.2	13.1	2.8	145
Zone B4	44.2	43.2	11.6	1.1	95
Zone B5	52.4	33.8	11.3	2.6	231
Zone B6	42.6	37.8	16.5	3.1	423
Zone C1	42.2	33.3	22.4	2.1	192
Zone C2	41.6	32.6	23.6	2.2	89
Zone C3	47.9	31	18.2	2.9	242
Zone C4	52.2	33.2	12.5	1.3	232
Zone D3	50.3	29.8	16.1	3.8	527
Zone D4	43.9	28.8	25.9	1.4	139
Zone D5	45.9	32.2	17.8	4.2	625
Zone D6	54.6	26.4	16.7	1.9	269
Zone D7	57.3	24.7	13.7	3.9	255
Zone D8	58.1	26.8	12.3	1.7	179
Zone D9	57.3	22.7	16	4	75
Zone D10	53.8	30.8	10.3	5.1	39
Zone D11	70.2	20.2	7.7	1.9	104
Zone D12	25.9	33.3	33.3	7.4	27
Zone D13	65.4	28.8	5.9	0	153
Zone D14	60.0	26.2	10.8	3.1	65
Zone D15	70.4	18.5	7.4	0	27
Zone D16	46.6	40.4	10.4	2.1	193
Zone D17	51.7	10.3	31.0	6.9	29

Zone/Hunt	Two Point Bucks (%)	Three Point Bucks (%)	Four Point Bucks (%)	Four+ Point Bucks (%)	Total Buck Harvest
Zone D19	68.6	17.1	5.7	8.6	35
Zone X1	48.9	26.9	20.3	4	227
Zone X2	22.2	48.9	24.4	4.4	45
Zone X3a	28.3	34.8	30.4	5.4	92
Zone X3b	43.1	28.2	25.5	3.2	188
Zone X4	37.7	35.8	22.6	3.8	106
Zone X5a	21.1	31.6	42.1	5.3	19
Zone X5b	16	30.0	38	16	50
Zone X6a	33.7	31.5	31.5	3.3	92
Zone X6b	46.4	14.5	30.4	8.7	69
Zone X7a	32	26	40	2	50
Zone X7b	32.4	40.5	24.3	2.7	37
Zone X8	33.3	40	20	6.7	15
Zone X9a	39.4	37	20	3.6	165
Zone X9b	38	32	28	2	50
Zone X9c	47.7	47.7	4.5	0	44
Zone X10	40	25	25	10	20
Zone X12	46	28	24.2	1.2	161
Hunt A1 (C1)	44.1	41.2	14.7	0	34
Hunt A1 (C2)	58.3	25.0	8.3	8.3	12
Hunt A1 (C3)	56.5	21.7	13	8.7	23
Hunt A1 (C4)	51	33.3	11.8	3.9	51
Hunt A3	20	53.3	26.7	0	15
Hunt A4	25	50	25	0	4
Hunt A5	22.2	22.2	33.3	22.2	9
Hunt A6	50	30	20	0	10
Hunt A7	41.2	35.3	11.8	11.8	17
Hunt A8	50	0	50	0	2
Hunt A9	0	0	100	0	1
Hunt A11	8.3	41.7	41.7	8.3	12

Zone/Hunt	Two Point Bucks (%)	Three Point Bucks (%)	Four Point Bucks (%)	Four+ Point Bucks (%)	Total Buck Harvest
Hunt A12	50	25	25	0	16
Hunt A13	80	0	20	0	5
Hunt A14	50	50	0	0	4
Hunt A15	100	0	0	0	1
Hunt A16	37.5	43.8	12.5	6.3	16
Hunt A17	38.5	30.8	7.7	23.1	13
Hunt A18	50	50	0	0	2
Hunt A19	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt A20	40	45	15	0	20
Hunt A21	40	20	20	20	5
Hunt A22	50	33.3	0	0	6
Hunt A24	62.5	12.5	0.0	0	8
Hunt A25	66.7	33.3	0	0	3
Hunt A26	12.5	25	50	12.5	8
Hunt A27	50	0	50	0	2
Hunt A30	33.3	33.3	0	33.3	3
Hunt A31	52.9	23.5	5.9	0	17
Hunt A32	66.7	33.3	0	0	3
Hunt A33	33.3	33.3	0	0	3
Hunt G1	51.8	29.8	13.6	4.7	191
Hunt G3	0	20.0	65.0	15	20
Hunt G6	19.2	34.6	46.2	0	26
Hunt G7	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt G8	(Antlerless buck harvest)				4
Hunt G9	(2011 hunt cancelled)				0
Hunt G10	36	28	8	4	25
Hunt G11	63.3	16.3	2	1	98
Hunt G12	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt G13	(Antlerless buck harvest)				6
Hunt G19	0	50	50	0	2
Hunt G21	50	50	0	0	2
Hunt G37	12.5	12.5	62.5	12.5	8
Hunt G38	42.9	42.9	14.3	0	7
Hunt G39	0	40	40	20	5

Zone/Hunt	Two Point Bucks (%)	Three Point Bucks (%)	Four Point Bucks (%)	Four+ Point Bucks (%)	Total Buck Harvest
Hunt M3	11.1	44.4	33.3	11.1	9
Hunt M4	0	100	0	0	1
Hunt M5	0	33.3	66.7	0	3
Hunt M6	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt M7	60	0	0	0	5
Hunt M8	33.3	33.3	33.3	0	3
Hunt M9	33.3	0	66.7	0	3
Hunt M11	0	0	100	0	2
Hunt MA1	50	50	0	0	2
Hunt MA3	28.6	71.4	0	0	7
Hunt J1	100	0	0	0	5
Hunt J3	20	40	30	10	10
Hunt J4	28.6	28.6	42.9	0	7
Hunt J7	0	0	50	0	2
Hunt J8	33.3	33.3	16.7	0	6
Hunt J9	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt J10	57.1	17.9	3.6	0	28
Hunt J11	50	50	0	0	2
Hunt J12	0	20	20	40	5
Hunt J13	50	0	0	0	2
Hunt J14	25	50	25	0	4
Hunt J15	40	20	40	0	5
Hunt J16	60	20	0	0	5
Hunt J17	50	0	0	0	2
Hunt J18	50	0	0	0	2
Hunt J19	50	0	50	0	2
Hunt J20	0	60	40	0	5
Hunt J21	0	50	0	0	2
Fund-raising Tags (b):	0	20	40	40	5
STATEWIDE TOTAL:	51.2%	29.9%	15.4%	2.7%	10,369

(a) Table does not include percentages for antlerless, unclassified or spike bucks, so percentages may not total 100%

(b) Archery Only and Fund-raising Tags are listed separate, and are not included within the individual zone or hunt.

(c) The 2011 reported deer harvest is significantly lower than previous years and should not be used for direct comparison. This decline in harvest is a reflection of ALDS tag changes and a corresponding increase of nearly 20% in the statewide non-reporting rate.

2011 DEER TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

		PREFERENCE DRAWING						RANDOM (DRAW BY CHOICE) DRAWING					
Hunt Name	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Pt Applicants	Tags Awarded	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Random 1st Choice Quota	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants	Tags Leftover After the Drawing
C, D AND X-ZONE HUNTS													
Zone C	8150	7335	4986	2	4986	9	0	815	815	0	3164	0	0
Zone D12	950	855	944	0	855	5	0	95	95	56	39	0	0
Zone D17	500	450	711	0	450	8	0	50	50	50	0	0	0
Zone X1	1275	1148	2842	0	1148	7	0	127	127	127	0	0	0
Zone X2	180	162	1388	2	162	9	4	18	18	18	0	0	0
Zone X3a	280	252	2161	2	252	9	5	28	28	28	0	0	0
Zone X3b	935	842	3268	1	842	9	2	93	93	93	0	0	0
Zone X4	355	320	1656	1	320	9	2	35	35	35	0	0	0
Zone X5a	60	54	931	3	54	9	6	6	6	6	0	0	0
Zone X5b	140	126	2627	22	126	9	8	14	14	14	0	0	0
Zone X6a	325	293	1683	1	293	9	2.8	32	32	32	0	0	0
Zone X6b	315	284	1178	0	284	8	2	31	31	31	0	0	0
Zone X7a	230	207	1671	1	207	9	5	23	23	23	0	0	0
Zone X7b	140	126	911	1	126	9	4	14	14	14	0	0	0
Zone X8	240	216	817	0	216	8	1.5	24	24	24	0	0	0
Zone X9a	650	585	2858	2	585	9	2	65	65	65	0	0	0
Zone X9b	325	292	647	0	293	5	0	32	32	32	0	0	0
Zone X9c	325	293	433	1	293	9	0	32	32	32	0	0	0
Zone X10	400	360	351	0	351	2.5	0	40	40	0	49	0	0
Zone X12	860	774	4270	0	774	8	3	86	86	86	0	0	0

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Hunt Name	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Pt Applicants	Tags Awarded	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Random 1st Choice Quota	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants	Tags Leftover After the Drawing
AREA SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS													
A3 Archery Hunt In Zone X1	130	117	283	0	117	2.3	0.5	13	13	13	0	0	0
A4 Archery Hunt In Zone X2	20	18	40	0	18	4	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
A5 Archery Hunt In Zone X3a	35	32	110	0	32	3.5	2	3	3	3	0	0	0
A6 Archery Hunt In Zone X3b	90	81	189	0	81	7	1	9	9	9	0	0	0
A7 Archery Hunt In Zone X4	135	122	292	0	122	5	1	13	13	13	0	0	0
A8 Archery Hunt In Zone X5a	15	14	51	0	14	6	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
A9 Archery Hunt In Zone X5b	5	4	76	1	4	9	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
A11 Archery Hunt In Zone X6a	55	50	366	0	50	8	3	5	5	5	0	0	0
A12 Archery Hunt In Zone X6b	110	99	259	0	99	4	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
A13 Archery Hunt In Zone X7a	50	45	128	0	45	4	1.5	5	5	5	0	0	0
A14 Archery Hunt In Zone X7b	25	23	126	1	23	9	3	2	2	2	0	0	0
A15 Archery Hunt In Zone X8	50	45	34	0	34	2	0	5	5	0	16	0	0
A16 Archery Hunt In Zone X9a	140	126	327	0	126	4	1	14	14	14	0	0	0
A20 Archery Hunt In Zone X12	190	171	336	0	171	6	0.6	19	19	19	0	0	0
A21 Anderson Flat Hunt	25	23	194	0	23	8	4	2	2	2	0	0	0
A24 Monterey Hunt	100	90	198	0	90	4	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
A25 Lake Sonoma Hunt	35	32	195	0	32	8	2	3	3	3	0	0	0
A26 Bass Hill Hunt	30	27	509	1	27	9	7	3	3	3	0	0	0
A27 Devils Garden Hunt	5	4	158	0	4	7	6	1	1	1	0	0	0
A30 Covelo Hunt	40	36	296	0	36	7	4	4	4	4	0	0	0
A33 Fort Hunter Liggett (Late Season)	25	23	78	0	23	4	1	2	2	2	0	0	0

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ADDITIONAL HUNTS													
G1 Late Season Hunt In C4	2710	2439	2792	0	2439	7	0	271	271	271	0	0	0
G3 Goodale Hunt	35	32	4634	924	32	9	9	3	3	3	0	0	0
G6 Kern River Deer Herd Hunt	50	45	1330	9	45	9	8	5	5	5	0	0	0
G8 Fort Hunter Liggett Hunt	10	9	183	0	9	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
G9 Camp Roberts Hunt	15	14	64	0	14	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
G12 Gray Lodge Hunt	30	27	104	0	27	6	2	3	3	3	0	0	0
G13 San Diego Hunt	300	270	677	0	270	3	0	30	30	30	0	0	0
G19 Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas	25	23	254	1	23	9	4	2	2	2	0	0	0
G21 Ventana Wilderness Hunt	25	23	87	0	23	7	2.6	2	2	2	0	0	0
G37 Anderson Flat Hunt	25	23	2533	304	23	9	9	2	2	2	0	0	0
G38 Late Season Hunt In X10	300	270	284	1	270	9	0	30	30	14	16	0	0
G39 Round Valley Late Season	5	4	378	38	4	9	9	1	1	1	0	0	0
APPRENTICE HUNTS													
J1 Lake Sonoma Hunt	25	13	139	0	13	3	2	12	12	12	0	0	0
J3 Tehama Wildlife Area Hunt	15	8	226	0	8	3	3	7	7	7	0	0	0
J4 Shasta-Trinity Hunt	15	8	212	0	8	3	3	7	7	7	0	0	0
J7 Carson River Hunt	15	8	35	0	8	2	1	7	7	7	0	0	0
J8 Daugherty Hill Hunt	15	8	99	0	8	3	3	7	7	7	0	0	0
J9 Little Dry Creek Hunt	5	3	11	0	3	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
J10 Fort Hunter Liggett Hunt	75	38	278	0	38	3	1	37	37	37	0	0	0
J11 San Bernardino Hunt	40	20	71	0	20	1	0	20	20	20	0	0	0

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		Preference Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Pt Applicants	Tags Awarded	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Random 1st Choice Quota	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants	
J12 Round Valley Hunt	10	5	690	0	5	3	3	5	5	5	0	0	0
J13 Los Angeles Hunt	40	20	63	0	20	2	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
J14 Riverside Hunt	30	15	49	0	15	1	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
J15 Anderson Flat Hunt	10	5	275	0	5	3	3	5	5	5	0	0	0
J16 Bucks Mountain/ Nevada City	75	38	69	0	38	1	0	37	37	31	6	0	0
J17 Blue Canyon	25	13	43	0	13	2	1	12	12	12	0	0	0
J18 Pacific/Grizzly Flat	75	38	108	0	38	2	0	37	37	37	0	0	0
J19 Hunt In Zone X7a	25	13	122	0	13	3	2	12	12	12	0	0	0
J20 Hunt In Zone X7b	20	10	136	0	10	3	2	10	10	10	0	0	0
J21 East Tehama	50	25	149	0	25	3	1	25	25	25	0	0	0
MUZZLELOADER HUNTS													
M3 Doyle Hunt	20	18	854	148	18	9	9	2	2	2	0	0	0
M4 Horse Lake Hunt	5	4	31	0	4	8	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
M5 East Lassen Hunt	5	4	192	10	4	9	9	1	1	1	0	0	0
M6 San Diego Hunt	80	72	100	0	72	3	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
M7 Ventura Hunt	150	135	192	0	135	5	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
M8 Bass Hill Hunt	20	18	90	0	18	8	4	2	2	2	0	0	0
M9 Devil's Garden Hunt	10	9	830	99	9	9	9	1	1	1	0	0	0
MA1 San Luis Obispo Hunt	150	135	153	0	135	4	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
MA3 Santa Barbara Hunt	150	135	140	0	135	6	0	15	15	5	10	0	0
M11 Northwestern California Hunt	20	18	743	48	18	9	9	2	2	2	0	0	0
PD: Point Only - Deer			6133	240									

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PREMIUM DEER ZONES and HUNTS Applications for premium deer hunt tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing must be submitted to any DFG license sales office, license agent or online by June 2, 2012. You must use your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for a premium deer hunt tag. Exception: junior hunters may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for apprentice deer hunts, but only one application may be used to apply for apprentice deer hunts.

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PD	Point Only	Enter this hunt code as your first choice to earn a point only.					To earn a point, applications must be submitted by June 2, 2012.
GENERAL ZONES	C	18%	8,150	◆	Hunt A1	See C Zone Below	Zone C Tag is valid in C1, C2, C3 and C4 General Seasons only.
	C1				See Hunt A1	Sep 15-Oct 14	Large areas of private land where access restricted. Some private land owned by timber companies is open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; fair access (530) 842-6131. DFG contact (530) 459-3164.
	C2				See Hunt A1	Sep 15-Oct 21	Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.
	C3				See Hunt A1	Sep 15-Oct 21	Good access in middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151, and fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.
	C4				See Hunt A1	Sep 15-Sep 30	Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to public. DFG contact (530) 225-2300.
	D12	7.3%	950	◆	Oct 6-28	Nov 3-25	Extremely dry and hot desert deer zone. Wilderness areas severely restrict vehicle access; 4 X 4 recommended for entire zone (909) 484-0167.
	D17	12%	500	◆	Sep 1-23	Oct 13-Nov 4	Wilderness Area and Mojave National Preserve restrict vehicle access. (909) 484-0167.

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X ZONES	X1	35%	1,275	◆	See Hunt A3	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. DFG contact (530) 459-3164.
	X2	42%	190	◆	See Hunt A4	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	X3A	68%	230	◆	See Hunt A5	Oct 6-21	Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	X3B	41%	875	◆	See Hunt A6	Oct 6-21	Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for information. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	X4	49%	355	◆	See Hunt A7	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	X5A	66%	65	◆	See Hunt A8	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.
	X5B	63%	110	◆	See Hunt A9	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.
	X6A	46%	325	◆	See Hunt A11	Oct 6-21	DFG Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. DFG Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.
	X6B	43%	370	◆	See Hunt A12	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands. DFG Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. DFG Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.
	X7A	33%	200	◆	See Hunt A13	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	X7B	57%	120	◆	See Hunt A14	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	X8	13%	220	◆	See Hunt A15	Sep 22-Oct 7	Good access on public lands except two wilderness areas (916) 358-2900.
	X9A	58%	650	◆	See Hunt A16	Sep 15-Oct 8	Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

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X ZONES, continued	X9B		43%	325	◆	See Hunt A17	Sep 15-Oct 8	Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.
	X9C		35%	325	◆	See Hunt A18	Oct 20-Nov 11	Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.
	X10		9.9%	400	◆	See Hunt A19	Sep 29-Oct 14	Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain. (559) 243-4005.
	X12		44%	760	◆	See Hunt A20	Sep 15-Oct 8	Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.
GENERAL METHOD HUNTS	G1	Late Season Buck in zone C4	17%	2,710	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 4	Good access in eastern portion on public lands; lower elevations mostly private. Tag holder drawing for Tehama Wildlife Area. DFG contact (530) 529-7162.
	G3	Goodale Buck	84%	35	◆	N/A	Dec 1-16	Good public access; unpredictable weather (760) 872-1171.
	G6	Kern River Deer Herd Buck	65%	50	◆	N/A	Dec 1-9	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	G8	Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless	70%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 6-8 & 13-14	Access fee required; date subject to change (831) 386-2214.
	G9	Camp Roberts Antlerless	0%	0	◆	N/A	2012 Hunt cancelled due to base operations	
	G12	Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-sex	20%	30	◆	N/A	Sep 15-23	Gray Lodge Wildlife Area only; shotguns with solid slugs only (916) 358-2900.
	G13	San Diego Antlerless	23%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 18	Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.
	G19	Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-sex	24%	25	◆	N/A	Sep 22-Dec 31	Archery-crossbow-shotguns with solid slugs only; all portions walk-in only (916) 358-2900.
	G21	Ventana Wilderness Buck	32%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 10-Dec 2	Open only on lands designated USFS Ventana Wilderness Area in Monterey County; steep, rugged, brushy; vehicle restrictions (831) 649-2870.
	G37	Anderson Flat Buck	67%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 2	Good access on National Forest Service lands (559) 243-4005.
	G38	Late season Buck in zone X10	4.6%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 20-Nov 4	Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.
	G39	Round Valley Late Season Buck	100%	5	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 11	Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.
MUZZLELOADING HUNTS	M3	Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	50%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 17-25	Good access on public lands. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	M4	Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	20%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 4	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.

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MUZZLELOADING HUNTS, continued	M5	East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	60%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 4	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	M6	San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	5.8%	80	◆	N/A	Dec 15-31	Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.
	M7	Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	18%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 9	Good access; hunt on public lands (858) 467-4201.
	M8	Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	20%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 4	Much private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	M9	Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	33%	15	◆	N/A	Oct 27-Nov 11	Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	M11	Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	10%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 10-25	Contact DFG Eureka office (707) 445-6493 or DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.
	MA1	San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Archery Either-sex	14%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 9	Open only on that portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest. Good access on public lands; rugged terrain (831) 649-2870.
	MA3	Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Archery Buck	11%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 9	Fair access on public lands. Vehicle use limited (858) 467-4201.
APPRENTICE HUNTS	J1	Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-sex	24%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 3-4	Rugged oak/grassland habitat with good deer numbers. Boats required in two-thirds of area. No dogs allowed (707) 944-5500.
	J3	Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck	67%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 24-25	Hunt area is restricted to DFG's Tehama Wildlife Area. DFG contact (530) 529-7162.
	J4	Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck	47%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 2	Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2300 and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.
	J7	Carson River Apprentice Either-sex	27%	15	◆	N/A	Oct 13-21	Good public access on National Forest lands (916) 358-2900.
	J8	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-sex	47%	15	◆	N/A	Dec 1-31	Good access. Wildlife Area only (916) 358-2900.
	J9	Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-sex	20%	5	◆	N/A	Sep 15-23	Good access. Wildlife Area only. Shotguns using slugs only (916) 358-2900.

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APPRENTICE HUNTS, continued	J10	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-sex	72%	75	♦	N/A	Oct 6-8 & 13-14	Season subject to change by Commanding Officer (831) 386-2214.
	J11	San Bernardino Apprentice Either-sex	31%	40	♦	N/A	Nov 17-25	Within D14 and San Bernardino County only. Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.
	J12	Round Valley Apprentice Buck	60%	10	♦	N/A	Dec 1-16	Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.
	J13	Los Angeles Apprentice Either-sex	25%	40	♦	N/A	Nov 17-25	Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.
	J14	Riverside Apprentice Either-sex	21%	30	♦	N/A	Nov 17-25	Within zone D19 and Riverside County only. Good access on public lands (909) 484-0167.
	J15	Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck	60%	10	♦	N/A	Nov 24-Dec 2	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	J16	Bucks Mountain/ Nevada City Apprentice Either-sex	25%	75	♦	N/A	Sep 22-Oct 28	Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Butte, Colusa and Glenn counties.
	J17	Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-sex	30%	25	♦	N/A	Sep 22-Oct 28	Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations. (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Colusa County.
	J18	Pacific/Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-sex	26%	75	♦	N/A	Sep 22-Oct 28	Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.
	J19	Zone X7A Apprentice Either-sex	30%	25	♦	N/A	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	J20	Zone X7B Apprentice Either-sex	50%	20	♦	N/A	Oct 6-21	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	J21	East Tehama Apprentice Either-sex	64%	50	♦	N/A	Sep 15-Oct 28	Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Tehama Wildlife Area is not open to J21 hunters during the G1 season. DFG contact (530) 529-7162.
AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS	A1	Archery Buck in Zones C1 - C4	13%	1,945	6/24/11	See Zone Below	N/A	Hunt A1 tag is valid in C1, C2, C3 and C4 during the Archery Season only.
		C1				Aug 18-Sept 2	N/A	Fair access. Much private land, some owned by timber companies and open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; (530) 842-6131. DFG contact (530) 459-3164.

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AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS, continued	C2				Aug 18-Sept 9	N/A	Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. DFG contact (530) 225-2300.
	C3				Aug 18-Sept 9	N/A	Good access at middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forestland: (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Sierra Pacific Industries property is restricted to walking only; no motorized vehicle access behind locked gates without Sierra Pacific Industries' prior written permission. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. DFG Redding office: (530) 225-2300.
	C4				Aug 18-Sept 2	N/A	
	A3 Archery Buck in zone X1	16%	130	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity N.F. (530) 226-2500, Modoc N.F. (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Road management areas within zone - refer to National Forest maps for detail. DFG contact (530) 459-3164.
	A4 Archery Buck in zone X2	33%	10	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands, primarily administered by Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	A5 Archery Buck in zone X3a	52%	30	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	A6 Archery Buck in zone X3b	23%	90	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office BLM (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for more information. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	A7 Archery Buck in zone X4	25%	115	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	A8 Archery Buck in zone X5a	53%	15	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.

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	Zone	Hunt Title	2011 Estimated Hunter Success	2011 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2012 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2012 Proposed General Season Dates	Information
AREA-SPECIFIC, continued	A9	Archery Buck in zone X5b	80%	5	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	A11	Archery Buck in zone X6a	57%	55	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	DFG Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. DFG Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.
	A12	Archery Buck in zone X6b	31%	140	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access to public lands. DFG Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. DFG Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.
	A13	Archery Buck in zone X7a	20%	50	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	A14	Archery Buck in zone X7b	24%	25	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	A15	Archery Buck in zone X8	4.0%	40	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.
	A16	Archery Buck in zone X9a	26%	140	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.
	A20	Archery Buck in zone X12	16%	170	◆	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.
	A21	Anderson Flat Archery Buck	42%	25	◆	Nov 10-23	N/A	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	A24	Monterey Archery Either-sex	25%	100	◆	Oct 13- Nov 11	N/A	Fair access on public land; steep terrain; possible fire closures on National Forest lands (831) 649-2870.
	A25	Lake Sonoma Archery Either-sex	11%	35	◆	Oct 6-29	N/A	Sat-Sun-Mon only; rugged terrain, oak/grassland and chaparral habitat with good deer numbers (707) 944-5500.
	A26	Bass Hill Archery Buck	50%	30	◆	Nov 17-Dec 9	N/A	Much private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. DFG contact (530) 254-6808.
	A27	Devils Garden Archery Buck	80%	10	◆	Oct 27-Nov 11	N/A	Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. DFG contact (530) 233-3581.
	A30	Covelo Archery Buck	27%	40	◆	Nov 10-25	N/A	Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934- 3316, and Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. DFG Eureka office (707) 445-6493, DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.

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2012 PROPOSED* DEER HUNTS, continued

RESTRICTED DEER ZONES and HUNTS Restricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request to hunters applying on a First-Deer Tag. Hunters may apply for a restricted deer hunt tag on as their Second-Deer Tag on Aug. 2, 2012. Restricted deer hunt tags will be available at DFG license sales offices, license agents, and online until tag quotas fill.

	Zone	Hunt Title	2011 Estimated Hunter Success	2011 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2012 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2012 Proposed General Season Dates	Information
GENERAL	D6		9.6%	10,000	07/24/11	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 28	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	A17	Archery Buck in zone X9b	6.1%	300	7/6/11	Aug 18-Sept 9	N/A	Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.
AREA-SPECIFIC	A31	Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-sex	8.6%	1000	7/16/11	Sept 22-Dec 31	N/A	Good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.

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UNRESTRICTED DEER ZONES and HUNTS Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags are issued on request until tag quotas fill. You may use your First-Deer Tag and/or Second-Deer Tag to apply for Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags.

	Zone	Hunt Title	2011 Estimated Hunter Success	2011 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2012 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2012 Proposed General Season Dates	Information
GENERAL DEER ZONES	AO		4.1%	N/A	N/A	See Zone	Archery Only See Season	Archery Only (AO) Tags are valid for archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in zones A, B, any D zone, hunt G10 (military personnel only).
	A		22%	65,000	★	Jul 14-Aug 5	Aug 11-Sep 23	Mostly private land. Public access on BLM and National Forest lands. For specific information regarding these areas contact the local BLM field office or National Forest at: Ukiah BLM (707) 468-4000, Hollister BLM (831) 630-5000, or Bakersfield BLM, (661) 391-6000; Mendocino NF in Willows (530) 934-3316, or Los Padres NF in Goleta (805) 968-6640. For additional information contact the nearest Department Regional office.

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Zone	Hunt Title	2011 Estimated Hunter Success	2011 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2012 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2012 Proposed General Season Dates	Information
GENERAL DEER ZONES cont.	B (valid in Zones B1 - B6, below)	22%	35,000	10/7/11	See B Zone Below	See B Zone Below	Zone B Tag is valid in Zones B1 - B6
	B1				Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 21	Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. DFG Eureka office (707) 445-6493.
	B2				Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 21	Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 934-3316, Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. DFG Redding office (530) 225-2300.
	B3				Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 21	Good public access to Mendocino National Forest lands in western part of hunt area (530) 934-3316 DFG Rancho Cordova office (916) 358-2900.
	B4				Jul 28-Aug 19	Aug 25-Sep 30	Largely private, limited public access on King Range Conservation area, administered by Arcata Field Office BLM (707) 825-2300. DFG Eureka office (707) 445-6493.
	B5				Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 21	In the western portion of the zone, public access is good on Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316 and Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500. DFG Redding office (530) 529-7162.
	B6				Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 14	Public access good in Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131. Foothills of Scott and Shasta valleys are largely private. DFG contact (530) 459-3164.
	D3-5	12%	33,000	★	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 22-Oct 28	D3-5 Tag is valid in Zones D3, D4 and D5. Good public access on National Forest lands, mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900.
	D7	7.3%	9,000	8/11/11	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 15-Oct 28	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	D8	7.9%	8,000	★	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 22-Oct 21	Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.
	D9	12%	2,000	8/05/11	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 22-Oct 21	Good access on public land (559) 243-4005.
	D10	14%	700	★	Aug 18-Sep 9	Sep 22-Oct 21	No public land available; hunting normally restricted to landowners and permittees (559) 243-4005.
	D11	5.5%	5,500	★	Sep 1-23	Oct 13-Nov 11	Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

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2012 PROPOSED* DEER HUNTS, *continued*

	Zone	Hunt Title	2011 Estimated Hunter Success	2011 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2012 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2012 Proposed General Season Dates	Information
GENERAL DEER ZONES cont.	D13		12%	4,000	★	Sep 1-23	Oct 13-Nov 11	Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands; portion of zone on private lands (858) 467-4201.
	D14		4.8%	3,000	10/10/11	Sep 1-23	Oct 13-Nov 11	Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.
	D15		8.0%	1,500	★	Sep 1-23	Oct 13-Nov 11	Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands. Written permission is required to hunt on Santa Catalina Island which is private property (858) 467-4201.
	D16		14%	3,000	9/30/11	Sep 1-23	Oct 27-Nov 25	Good access on public lands; higher elevations rugged (858) 467-4201.
	D19		4.9%	1,500	10/7/11	Sep 1-23	Oct 6-Nov 4	Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (909) 484-0167.
AREA-SPECIFIC	A18	Archery Buck in zone X9c	1.3%	350	★	Aug 18-Sep 9	N/A	Wilderness areas/Death Valley National Park restrict vehicle access and hunting areas (760) 872-1171.
	A19	Archery Buck in zone X10	0%	120	★	Aug 18-Sep 2	N/A	Adequate public land access; steep, rough terrain (559)243-4005.
	A22	San Diego Archery Either-sex	4.5%	1,000	8/11/11	Split Sep 1-Oct 14 & Nov 17-Dec 31	N/A	Split season. Good access on public lands; rugged at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.
	A32	Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt	6.4%	250	12/4/11	Nov 10-Dec 2	N/A	Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.


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Private Lands Management

Landowners throughout the state offer hunting opportunities for big game species such as deer, pronghorn antelope, and elk under DFG's Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Program. Under this program, the Fish and Game Commission may authorize limited numbers of tags for certain species to landowners who contract with DFG to protect and improve valuable wildlife habitat on their property in conformance with DFG's management plans for those species.

Landowners may offset their costs for habitat work on their property by charging licensed hunters access and service fees. To insure that no California hunter takes more than two deer in any license year, hunters must exchange a deer tag (if hunter does not have a deer tag to exchange, they should purchase a tag for the Archery Only hunt or PLMA voucher), an unsuccessful draw notice or unfilled deer tag to obtain a PLM deer tag. For more information regarding the PLM program, please go to www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/plm/html.

Facts About the PLM Program

- The program began in 1979 as a three year pilot program with five ranches in five counties. In 1983, the California Legislature voted to make it a long term program.
- Landowner participation in the program requires the submission and approval of a sound management plan. PLM areas are licensed by the Fish and Game Commission for a five-year period; annual reviews ensure that agreed upon habitat improvements have been made.
- Many PLM properties offer expanded hunting season dates and area specific tags (for big-game species) and seals (for upland game species).
- There are currently 98 licensed PLM properties.
- The program currently encompasses 964,059 acres of wildlife habitat.
- The largest PLM property is 270,000 acres; the smallest property is 400 acres.
- The average PLM size is about 9,837 acres; half have fewer than 5,000 acres.

SHARE

Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement



The SHARE Program is a voluntary landowner incentive program where landowners receive liability protection and receive compensation for providing public access to or through their land for recreational use and enjoyment of wildlife.

There are 101 million acres of land in California, half of which are privately owned. The goal of the SHARE Program is to provide additional hunting, fishing, and other recreational access on private land.

Benefits to landowners

- Liability coverage is provided by section 1573(e) of the Fish and Game Code.
- Relieve wildlife depredation damage on property.
- Monetary compensation for allowing public access.
- Guidance for wildlife habitat improvements.

Benefits to the public

- Access to private land.
- Access to public land that is land locked.
- More wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities.

Bobcat Ranch

In November 2012 the SHARE Program will conduct a permit-only wild pig hunt on Bobcat Ranch. The Bobcat Ranch is located in Yolo County's Vaca Mountain foothills, west of Winters. Hunting under the SHARE Program will help achieve the ranch's long-term conservation management objectives, which include controlling the wild pig population.

This opportunity will give wild pig hunters access to the ranch during archery, apprentice and general hunt periods. Two-day permits will be issued to hunters by drawing only for all pig hunt periods. Hunters may apply for multiple hunt periods. Party applications of up to two hunters will be accepted. Each hunter can be drawn for only one hunt period. For more info about the SHARE Program please Contact Victoria Barr at vbarr@dfg.ca.gov or visit us on the web at www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share.

Elk & Antelope Hunting

Antelope hunting

The maximum number of preference points for antelope is 10.

Elk hunting

The maximum number of preference points for elk is 10.

Application Restrictions

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for each applicant.

Elk

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2012, and possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license. Only one nonresident can be drawn for an elk tag annually.

Apprentice Elk Hunts

Applicants must possess a valid 2012/2013 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

Antelope

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2012 and possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license. Only one nonresident can be drawn for an antelope tag annually.

Apprentice Antelope Hunts

Applicants must possess a valid 2012/2013 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

Elk and Pronghorn Antelope Tag Quota Splits

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on DFG science-based proposals and public input. (T14- 708.15(b),(c) & (d))

- For quotas of one, the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two, one tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three, two tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

Applying as a Party

Up to two residents may apply as a party. Nonresidents cannot apply as a party for antelope or elk tags. When applying for an elk or antelope tag drawing application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

1. Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader); or,
2. Joining an existing party;

The first member of the party to apply is considered the party leader and should indicate they are creating a new party. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and issued a Party Identification Number (printed on their Big Game Drawing Receipt at the end of the transaction). Note: Every applicant will receive a Party Identification Number printed on their Big Game Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Identification Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. Note: DFG license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Identification Number.

When other party members apply, they must indicate they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Identification Number to the sales clerk, or enter it themselves if applying online. Note: If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction, they will not need the party number, and can just indicate to the sales clerk that they are joining that person's party. The sales clerk can then link the applications together as a party without the party identification number.

When the Party Identification Number is entered in the drawing application screen, it will bring up the hunting party information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the party identification number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (Note: If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader, and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transactions, or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any DFG license sales offices, license agents, or online.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

Drawing Results

Beginning June 22, 2012, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from DFG license sales offices. Applicants may also look up their draw results by entering their customer information on DFG's website at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Notifying Applicants

Successful applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2, 2012; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

Tag Fees & Payment Deadline

Fee payments from successful applicants for antelope and elk tags must be received by the designated DFG license sales office by 5:00 p.m. on July 16, 2012. Should there be unclaimed tags for any zone after that date; the alternate list for that zone shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

Antelope Tag Fee:

Resident - \$135.70

Nonresident - \$416.00

Elk Tag Fee:

Resident - \$404.00

Nonresident - \$1233.50

Elk and Antelope Definitions

Antlerless Elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

Bull Elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

Either-Sex Elk: Bull elk or antlerless elk. T14-364(m)(4).

Spike Bull Elk: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base. T14-364(m)(2).

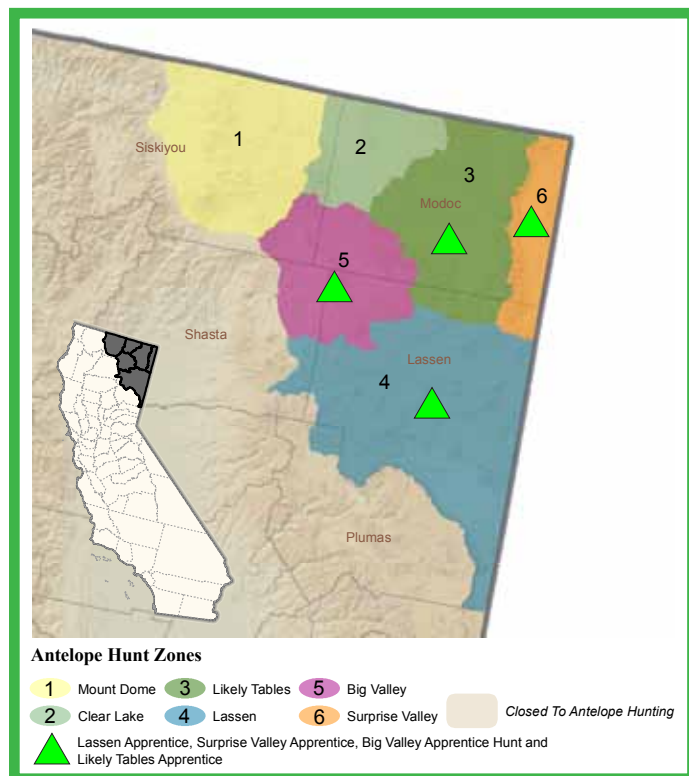
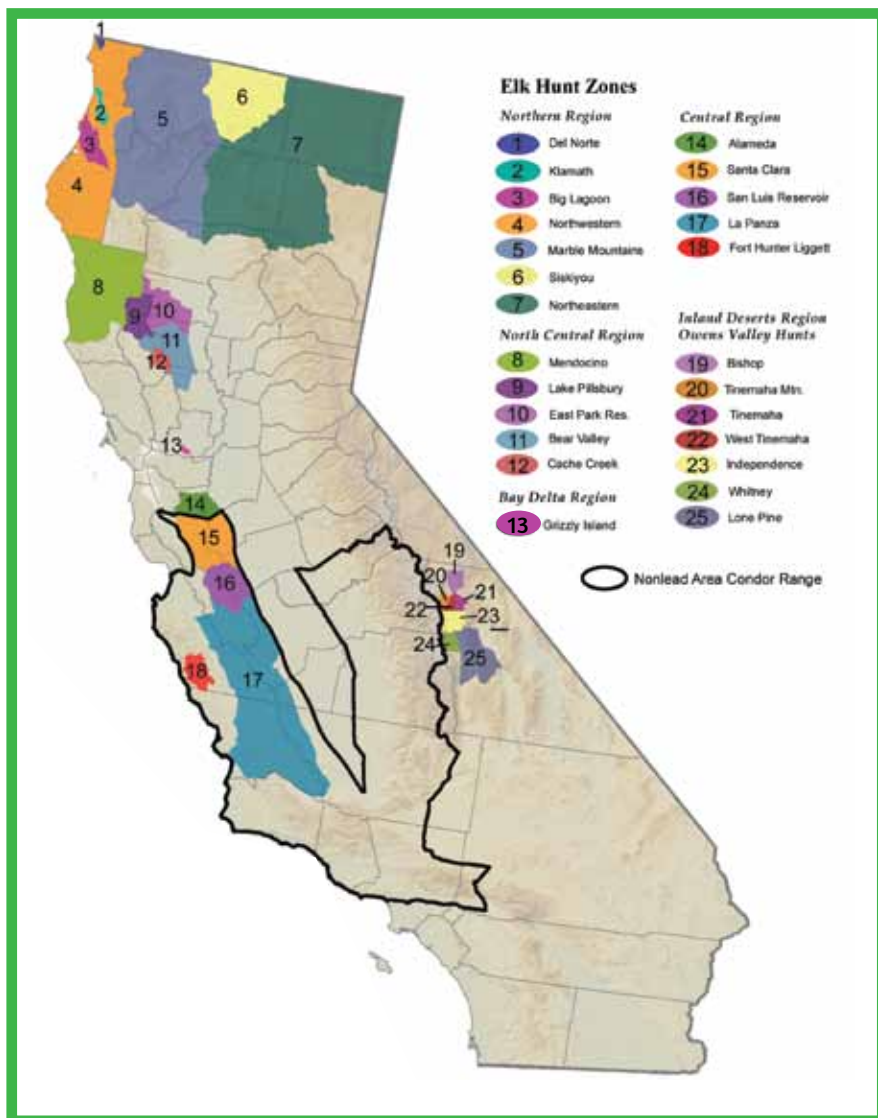
Buck Pronghorn Antelope: Pronghorn antelope with horns longer than the ears. T14-363 (k)(2).

Doe Pronghorn Antelope: Pronghorn antelope with horns shorter than the ears. T14-363 (k)(2).

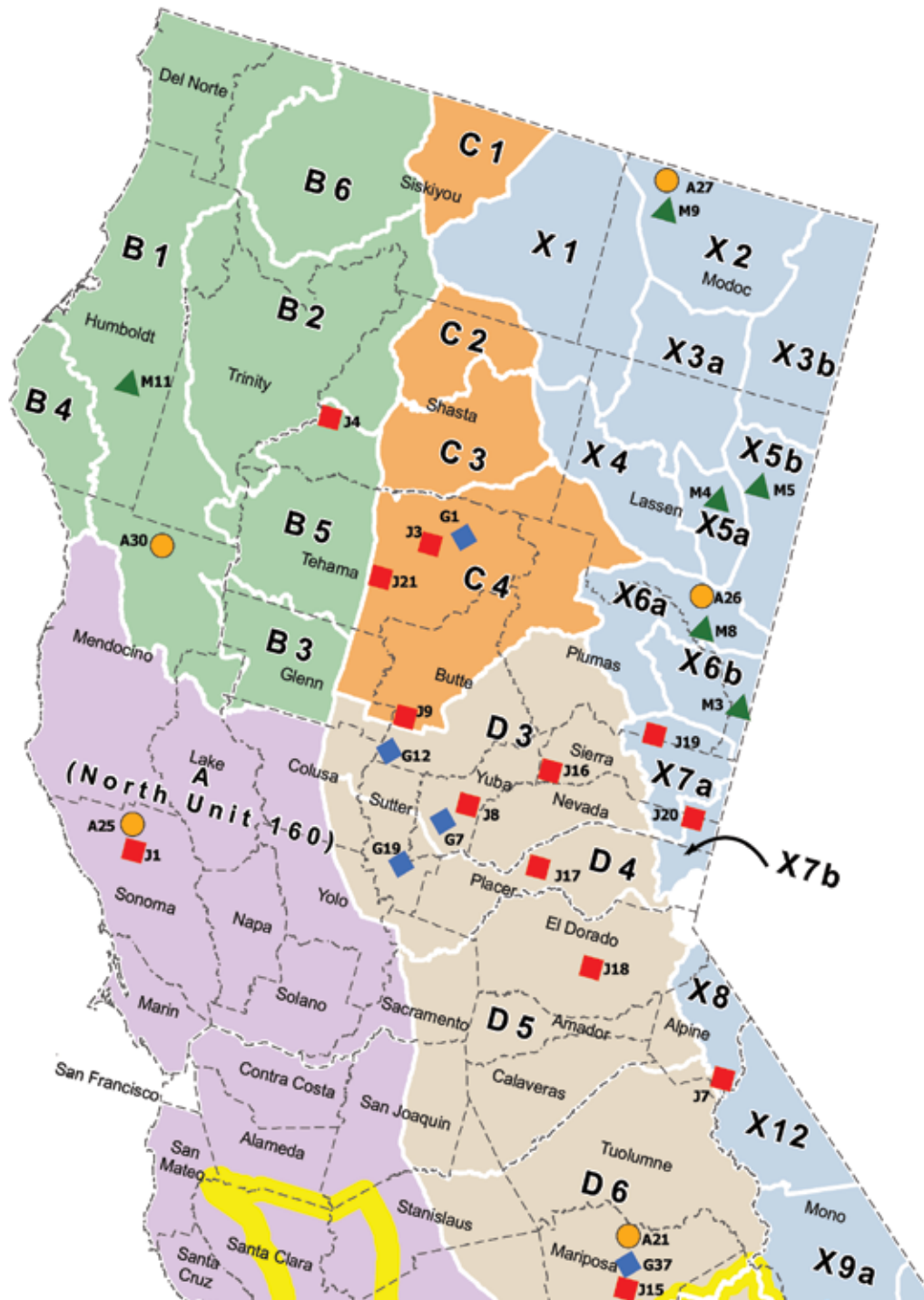
Either-Sex Pronghorn Antelope: Buck or doe pronghorn antelope. T14-363 (k)(2).

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

All applicants will receive a Big Game Drawing Receipt containing their hunt choice, party leader name and Party Identification Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Big Game Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the transaction within four hours and the hunter must reapply. If the transaction has exceeded the four hour limit, the applicants must contact the DFG's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573 or e-mail point@dfg.ca.gov.



2012 Deer Zones and Additional Hunts



Archery

A1-A20 See Deer Hunts Table

A21 Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt

A22 San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt

A24 Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt

A25 Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt

A26 Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt

A27 Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt

A30 Covelo Archery Buck Hunt

A31 Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt

A32 Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt

A33 Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt



General

G1 Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C4

G3 Goodale Buck Hunt

G6 Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt

G7 Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)

G8 Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt

G9 Camp Roberts Antlerless Deer Hunt

G10 Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)

G11 Vandenberg Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)

G12 Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt

G13 San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt

G19 Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Area Either-Sex Deer Hunt

G21 Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt

G37 Anderson Flat Buck Hunt

G38 Late Season Buck Hunt in Zone X10

G39 Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt



Apprentice

J1 Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J3 Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck Hunt

J4 Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck Hunt

J7 Carson River Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J8 Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J9 Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J10 Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J11 San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

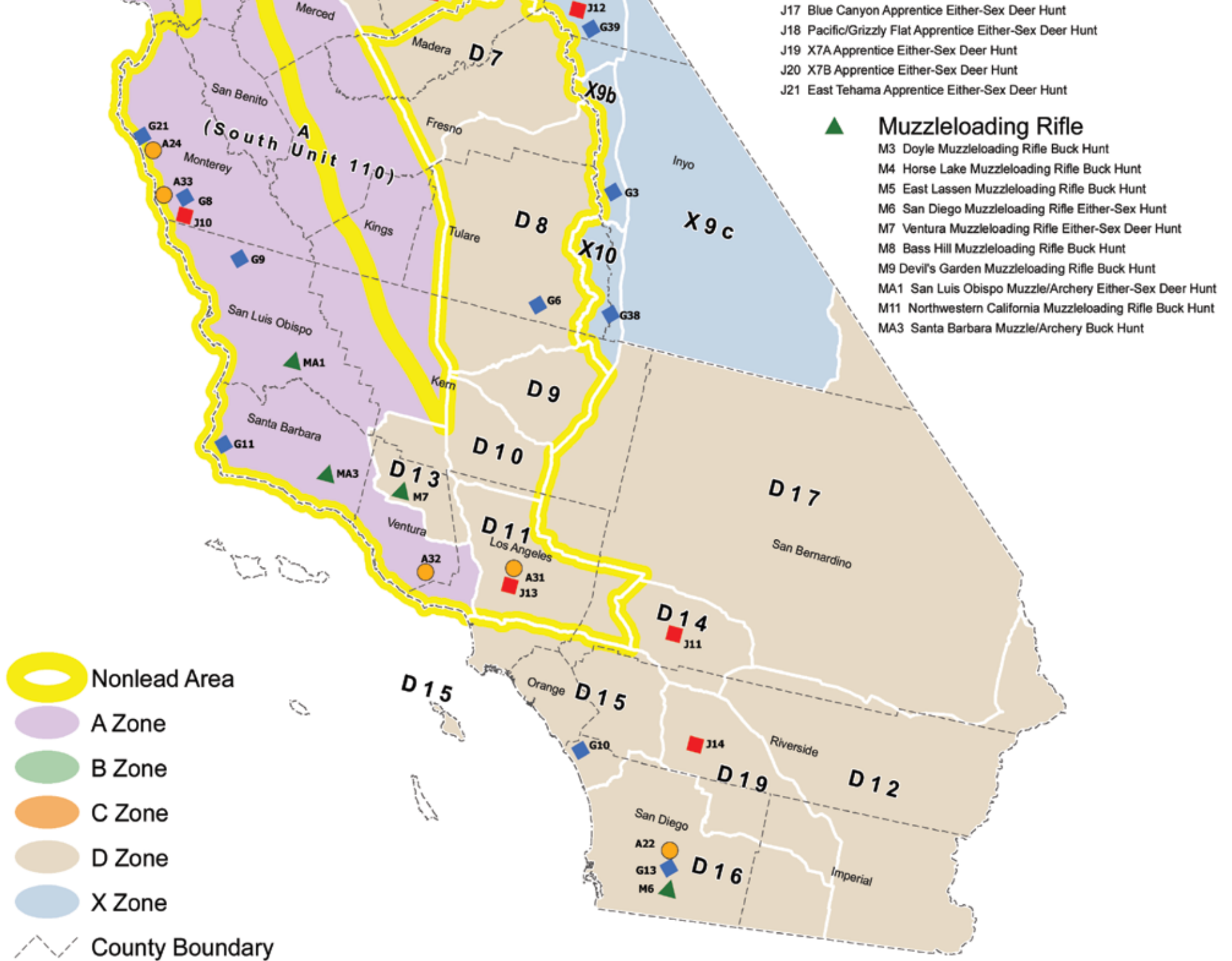
J12 Round Valley Apprentice Buck Hunt

J13 Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J14 Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

J15 Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck Hunt

J16 Bucks Mountain/Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt



2011 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
BULL AND EITHER-SEX						
300	Siskiyou	15	12	3	626	86
302	Marble Mountain	35	27	8	1514	226
305	Northeastern California	15	12	3	3762	905
308	Independence Period 1	1	0	1	147	45
311	Lone Pine Period 1	2	1	1	118	16
312	Tinemaha Period 1	2	1	1	126	19
315	West Tinemaha Period 1	2	1	1	294	92
317	West Tinemaha Period 2	2	1	1	154	45
320	Tinemaha Mountain Period 3	1	0	1	83	14
321	Tinemaha Mountain Period 4	1	0	1	48	11
323	Whitney Period 2	1	0	1	147	19
326	Fort Hunter Liggett	3	2	1	420	68
328	Mendocino	2	1	1	82	4
330	Bear Valley	1	0	1	88	8
332	Lake Pillsbury	2	1	1	377	65
334	Santa Clara	1	0	1	83	7
403	Big Lagoon	5	4	1	197	27
405	Klamath	10	8	2	342	59
406	Cache Creek Period 1	2	1	1	699	126
414	Del Norte	5	4	1	854	279
419	La Panza Period 1	6	5	1	292	62
420	La Panza Period 2	6	5	1	421	86
422	Owens Valley	5	4	1	707	195
447	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3	7	6	1	1479	235
461	East Park Reservoir Period 1	2	1	1	916	248
486	Lone Pine Period 2	2	1	1	665	168
487	Bishop Period 1	2	1	1	245	58
490	Bishop Period 3	3	2	1	966	205
303	Marble Mountains	5	4	1	188	19
411	Northeastern California	10	8	2	616	105
449	Fort Hunter Liggett	3	2	1	287	45
483	Northwestern California	20	15	5	629	71

2011 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
497	San Luis Reservoir	3	2	1	310	35
437	Grizzly Island Period 2	2	1	1	307	44
ANTLERLESS						
301	Marble Mountains	10	8	2	169	5
304	Northeastern California	5	4	1	218	19
307	Independence Period 1	3	2	1	55	1
309	Independence Period 4	3	2	1	29	2
310	Independence Period 5	3	2	1	69	9
313	Tinemaha Period 2	2	1	1	156	3
314	Tinemaha Period 3	2	1	1	41	1
316	West Tinemaha Period 2	5	4	1	97	4
318	West Tinemaha Period 3	5	4	1	61	1
319	West Tinemaha Period 4	5	4	1	122	4
324	Whitney Period 3	2	1	1	95	6
325	Whitney Period 4	2	1	1	85	8
327	Mendocino	2	1	1	27	0
329	Bear Valley	1	0	1	17	0
331	Lake Pillsbury	2	1	1	113	2
401	Siskiyou	15	12	3	150	3
402	Big Lagoon	5	4	1	53	0
404	Klamath	10	8	2	136	0
413	Del Norte	10	8	2	133	14
416	Cache Creek Period 2	2	1	1	121	7
417	La Panza Period 1	5	4	1	71	1
418	La Panza Period 2	6	5	1	79	0
425	Lone Pine Period 4	2	1	1	61	3
432	Bishop Period 4	3	2	1	94	7
433	Grizzly Island Period 1	2	1	1	478	86
444	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1	7	6	1	121	4
448	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2	8	6	2	348	6
450	Fort Hunter Liggett	5	4	1	44	0
459	Lone Pine Period 3	2	1	1	61	3
463	East Park Reservoir Period 3	4	3	1	168	14

2011 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
485	Bishop Period 3	3	2	1	63	4
488	Bishop Period 1	3	2	1	51	2
495	Lone Pine Period 2	2	1	1	81	6
APPRENTICE						
464	La Panza Period 1	1	0	1	31	N/A
471	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1	2	1	1	105	
489	Bishop Period 2	3	2	1	123	
472	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3	1	0	1	323	
484	Cache Creek Period 1	1	0	1	195	
408	Marble Mountains	2	1	1	97	
409	Northeastern California	2	1	1	335	
469	Grizzly Island Period 2	1	0	1	187	
499	Point Only - Elk	0	0	0	5842	753

RANDOM DRAWING FUND-RAISING OWENS VALLEY ELK TAG

The fund-raising tule elk tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Owens Valley zones (Bishop, Tinemaha Mountain, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence, Whitney and Lone Pine) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from July 28, 2012 to August 26, 2012.

Any resident or nonresident 12 years of age by July 1, 2012, may apply for the fund-raising elk tag, and applicants may apply as many times as they wish. The entry fee for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag is \$5.66 per application. There will be no additional tag fee for the successful tag holder. The successful applicant will be mailed notification; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Fund-raising Random Drawing tag applicants are not required to possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license at the time of entry. However, the successful tag holder shall possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license before the tag is issued.

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2011 ANTELOPE TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Area	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
BUCK						
720	Zone 2 - Clear Lake	10	8	2	1059	137
728	Zone 2 - Clear Lake	1	0	1	55	3
730	Zone 3 - Likely Tables Period 1	40	30	10	2364	397
732	Zone 3 - Likely Tables Period 2	35	27	8	3282	458
738	Zone 3 - Likely Tables	8	6	2	289	19
740	Zone 4 - Lassen Period 1	45	34	11	3579	580
742	Zone 4 - Lassen Period 2	45	34	11	2664	343
745	Zone 4 - Lassen	10	8	2	363	25
750	Zone 5 - Big Valley	8	6	2	702	76
755	Zone 5 - Big Valley	1	0	1	40	1
760	Zone 6 - Surprise Valley	10	8	2	1296	220
765	Zone 6 - Surprise Valley	1	0	1	74	3
APPRENTICE						
734	Zone 3 - Likely Tables Period 1	5	3	2	412	N/A
766	Zone 6 - Surprise Valley	4	2	2	221	
780	Zone 5 - Big Valley	1	0	1	99	
790	Zone 4 - Lassen Period 1	5	3	2	303	
799	Point Only - Antelope	0	0	0	6195	738

NEW RANDOM DRAWING FUND-RAISING ANTELOPE

Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope Tag (NEW)

DFG has added one Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope tag to the Fund-raising Random Drawing. The Fund-raising Random Drawing antelope tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Northeastern antelope zones, (Mount Dome, Clear Lake, Likely Tables, Lassen, Big Valley and Surprise Valley) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from July 28, 2012 to September 16, 2012.

Any resident or nonresident 12 years of age by July 1, 2012, may apply for the fund-raising antelope tag, and applicants may apply as many times as they wish. The entry fee for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag is \$5.66 per application. There will be no additional tag fee for the successful tag holder. The successful applicant will be mailed notification; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Fund-raising Random Drawing tag applicants are not required to possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license at the time of entry. However, the successful tag holder shall possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license before the tag is issued. www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/fundraising.html

2012 PROPOSED* ELK HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Apps./ Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
499	Point Only	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only.				To earn a point, applications must be submitted by June 2, 2012.
APPRENTICE HUNTS - Applicants must possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required.						
408	Marble Mountains either-sex (Apprentice Hunt)	97/2	100	2	Sept. 5-16	See hunt 301 for comments
409	Northeastern California either-sex (Apprentice Hunt)	335/2	50	2	Sept. 12-23	See hunt 304 for comments
484	Cache Creek Period 1 bull (Apprentice Hunt)	195/1	100	1	Oct. 13-28	See hunt 406 for comments
464	La Panza Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	31/1	100	1	Oct 13-Nov 4	See hunt 417 and 419 for comments
489	Bishop Period 2 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	123/3	100	3	Oct. 6-14	See hunt 485 and 490 for comments
469	Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull (Apprentice Hunt)	184/1	100	1	Aug. 23-26	See hunt 437 for comments
471	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	105/2	50	2	Oct. 20-28	See hunt 444 and 447 for comments
472	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull (Apprentice Hunt)	323/1	100	1	Dec. 22- Jan. 1	See hunt 444 and 447 for comments
ROOSEVELT						
401	Siskiyou antlerless	150/15	47	20	Sept. 5-16	Very limited opportunity on public land; elk present on a few private lands with restricted access requiring trespass fees. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (530) 842-4387.
300	Siskiyou bull	626/15	87	20	Sept. 5-16	
402	Big Lagoon antlerless	53/5	40	5	Aug. 29-Sept. 7	Private land. Controlled access provided. Difficult hunt with low probability of hunter success. Dense vegetation and steep terrain. Elk numbers in hunt area are variable. Mandatory hunt orientation prior to hunt day (707) 445-6493.
403	Big Lagoon bull	197/5	60	5	Aug. 29-Sept. 7	
483	Northwestern California either-sex	629/20	80	20	Sept. 5-16	Very limited opportunity on public land; elk present on private land with restricted access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (707) 445-6493.

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2012 PROPOSED* ELK HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Apps./ Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
R O O S E V E L T , c o n t i n u e d						
404	Klamath antlerless	136/10	20	5	Sept. 5-14	Private land. Controlled access provided. <u>Dense vegetation and steep terrain. Difficult hunt</u> ; low probability of hunter success. Limited, controlled road access. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. High daytime temperatures to be expected (707) 445-6493.
405	Klamath bull	342/10	30	5	Sept. 5-14	
413	Del Norte antlerless	133/10	80	10	Aug. 29-Sept. 7	Private land. Controlled access provided. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day (707) 445-6493.
414	Del Norte bull	854/5	80	5	Aug. 29-Sept. 7	
301	Marble Mountain antlerless	169/10	20	10	Sept. 5-16	Opportunity on public land; limited opportunity on private land with restricted access requiring trespass fee. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Difficult terrain requiring hiking and elevation gain. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (530) 842-4387. High daytime temperatures to be expected, pack animals recommended. Difficult hunt.
302	Marble Mountain bull	1514/35	69	35	Sept.5-16	
303	Marble Mountains Muzzleloader/Archery either-sex	188/5	0	5	Oct. 27-Nov. 4	
R O C K Y M O U N T A I N						
304	Northeastern CA antlerless	218/5	100	10	Sept. 12-23	Opportunity for elk on public land; some on private land with restricted access. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. Archery season usually not during the rut (530) 233-3581.
305	Northeastern CA bull	3762/15	73	15	Sept. 12-23	
411	Northeastern CA archery either-sex	616/10	30	10	Aug 29- Sept 9	
R O O S E V E L T / T U L E						
MENDOCINO						
327	Mendocino antlerless	3/2	50	2	Sept. 19-30	Elk entirely on private property. Permission from landowner required. The Department does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Access fee may apply (707) 456-0329.
328	Mendocino bull	40/2	100	2	Sept. 19-30	
T U L E						
CACHE CREEK						
406	Cache Creek Period 1 bull	604/2	100	3	Oct. 13-28	Elk on public and private land. Significant numbers of elk on private land where access may be restricted. Mandatory hunter orientation by telephone prior to hunt day (916) 445-9992
416	Cache Creek Period 2 antlerless	121/2	100	3	Oct. 20-Nov 4	

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2012 PROPOSED* ELK HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Apps./ Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
LA PANZA						
417	La Panza Period 1 antlerless	71/5	40	5	Oct. 13-Nov 4	Elk on public and private land (private land access may be restricted or access fee required). Low probability of hunter success. Off road travel is prohibited on Carrizo Plain National Monument. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day (831) 649-2870. Public land access limitations apply to DFG wildlife areas.
419	La Panza Period 1 bull	292/6	100	6	Oct. 13-Nov 4	
418	La Panza Period 2 antlerless	79/6	50	6	Nov. 10-Dec. 2	
420	La Panza Period 2 bull	421/6	83	6	Nov. 10-Dec. 2	
OWENS VALLEY						
422	Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery bull	707/5	100	5	Aug. 11-19	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171. Tag is valid in Bishop, Independence, Lone Pine, Tinemaha Mountain, and Whitney.
OWENS VALLEY -BISHOP						
487	Bishop Period 1 Muzzleloader bull	245/2	100	2	Sept. 8-23	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
488	Bishop Period 1 Muzzleloader antlerless	51/3	67	3	Sept. 8-23	
485	Bishop Period 3 antlerless	63/3	67	3	Oct. 20-28	
490	Bishop Period 3 bull	966/3	67	3	Oct. 20-28	
432	Bishop Period 4 antlerless	94/3	67	3	Nov. 3-11	
491	Bishop Period 5 antlerless	94/3	100	3	Dec. 1-9	
OWENS VALLEY - INDEPENDENCE						
307	Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader antlerless	55/3	67	3	Sept. 8-23	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
308	Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader bull	147/2	50	2	Sept. 8-23	
339	Independence Period 2 Antlerless	0	0	3	Oct. 6-14	
340	Independence Period 2 Bull	0	0	2	Oct. 6-14	
336	Independence Period 3 antlerless	32/3	100	3	Oct. 20-28	
309	Independence Period 4 antlerless	29/3	100	3	Nov. 3-11	
310	Independence Period 5 antlerless	69/3	67	3	Dec.1-9	
OWENS VALLEY - LONE PINE						
311	Lone Pine Period 1 Archery bull	118/2	100	2	Sept. 8-23	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
337	Lone Pine Period 1 Archery antlerless	36/3	0	3	Sept. 8-23	

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2012 PROPOSED* ELK HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Apps./ Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
495	Lone Pine Period 2 antlerless	81/3	33	3	Oct.6-14	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
486	Lone Pine Period 2 bull	665/2	100	2	Oct. 6-14	
459	Lone Pine Period 3 antlerless	61/3	67	4	Oct. 20-28	
425	Lone Pine Period 4 antlerless	116/3	67	4	Nov. 3-11	
OWENS VALLEY - TINEMAHA						
312	Tinemaha Period 1 Archery bull	126/2	50	2	Sept. 8-23	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
OWENS VALLEY - WEST TINEMAHA						
315	West Tinemaha Period 1 bull	294/2	100	2	Sept. 8-23	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
316	West Tinemaha Period 2 antlerless	97/5	80	3	Oct. 6-14	
317	West Tinemaha Period 2 bull	154/2	100	2	Oct. 6-14	
318	West Tinemaha Period 3 antlerless	61/5	60	3	Oct. 20-28	
319	West Tinemaha Period 4 antlerless	122/5	60	3	Nov. 3-11	
OWENS VALLEY - TINEMAHA MOUNTAIN						
320	Tinemaha Mountain Period 3 bull	83/1	0	1	Oct. 20-28	<u>Difficult hunt</u> with large elevation gain from nearest access to elk. Use of <u>pack stock</u> <u>highly recommended and encouraged.</u>
321	Tinemaha Mountain Period 4 bull	48/1	100	1	Nov. 3-11	
OWENS VALLEY - WHITNEY						
346	Whitney Period 2 Antlerless	0	0	3	Oct. 6-14	Good access to public land (760) 872-1171.
323	Whitney Period 2 bull	147/1	100	2	Oct. 6-14	
324	Whitney Period 3 antlerless	95/2	100	3	Oct. 20-28	
325	Whitney Period 4 antlerless	85/2	100	3	Nov. 3-11	
347	Whitney Period 5 Antlerless	0	0	3	Dec. 1-9	
GRIZZLY ISLAND						
433	Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless	478/2	100	2	Aug. 14-17	Hunt DFG land only. Hunters strongly encouraged to bring one non-hunting companion for assistance. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day (707) 425-3828 or (707) 944-5500.
437	Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull	307/2	100	3	Aug. 23-26	
338	Grizzly Island Period 5 bull	2768/2	100	2	Sept. 20-23	
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT						
449	Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only either-sex	387/3	100	3	Aug 1-9	Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the base. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander due to military training. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2214.

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2012 PROPOSED* ELK HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Apps./ Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
450	Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only antlerless	44/5	20	5	Sept. 22-30	Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the base. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander due to military training. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2214.
444	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1 antlerless	121/7	57	8	Oct. 20-28	
448	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2 antlerless	348/8	88	7	Nov. 17-25	
447	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull	1479/7	100	7	Dec. 22-Jan 1	Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the base. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander due to military training. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2214.
326	Fort Hunter Liggett Muzzleloader bull	420/3	100	3	Oct 27 -Nov. 4	
EAST PARK RESERVOIR						
461	East Park Reservoir bull	916/2	100	2	Sept. 1-27	Colusa County Ordinance prohibits firearms and archery equipment on East Park Reservoir (Bureau of Reclamation, BOR) property. A variance allows the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in Section 353, Title 14, CCR). East Park Reservoir BOR property will be open to bull hunting Sept. 10-13; and antlerless hunting Sept. 17-20 & 24-27. Other restrictions apply, mandatory orientation (916) 445-9992.
463	East Park Reservoir antlerless	168/4	100	4	Sept. 1-27	
SAN LUIS RESERVOIR						
497	San Luis Reservoir either-sex	310/3	100	3	Oct. 6-28	Very limited opportunity on public land. State Park property not open to hunting. Public land method restricted to archery . Private land access may be restricted. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Low probability of hunter success (916) 445-9992.
BEAR VALLEY						
329	Bear Valley antlerless	27/1	100	1	Oct. 13-21	Elk almost entirely on private property . Permission from landowner required. The Department does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Access fee may apply (916) 445-9992.
330	Bear Valley bull	82/1	100	1	Oct. 13-21	
LAKE PILLSBURY						
331	Lake Pillsbury antlerless	113/2	100	3	Sept. 5-14	Elk on private and public property, moderate access to public ground. (916) 445-9992.
332	Lake Pillsbury bull	377/2	100	2	Sept. 24-Oct. 3	
SANTA CLARA						
334	Santa Clara bull	83/1	100	1	Oct. 13-28	Elk entirely on private property . The Department does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Access fee may apply (916) 445-9992.

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2012 PROPOSED* ANTELOPE HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Applicants/Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
799	Point Only	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only.			To earn a point, applications must be submitted by June 2, 2012.	
APPRENTICE HUNTS - Applicants must possess a Junior Hunting License. A licensed adult chaperone is required.						
734	Apprentice Zone 3 - Likely Tables Period 1 Either-Sex	412/5	40	5	Aug. 18 - 26	Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.
790	Apprentice Zone 4 - Lassen Period 1 Either-Sex	303/5	100	5	Aug. 18 - 26	Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.
780	Apprentice Zone 5 - Big Valley Either-Sex	99/1	100	1	Aug. 18 - 26	Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required. To hunt Ash Creek Wildlife Area call (530) 294-5824. To hunt the wildlife area a mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day is required.
766	Apprentice Zone 6 - Surprise Valley Either-Sex	221/4	100	4	Aug. 18 - 26	Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.
ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE						
720	General Buck	159/10	80	15	Aug. 18 - 26	Antelope on public and private land. Public land managed by Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; and Alturas Field Office BLM - (530) 233-4666. Private access may be restricted or fee required. Tag holders may submit an application for hunting access to Peninsula "U" portion of Clear Lake NWR. DFG contact: (530) 233-3581.
728	Archery Buck	55/1	0	1	Aug. 4-12	
ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES						
730	Period 1 General Buck	2364/40	73	40	Aug. 18 - 26	Antelope on public and private land. Public land managed by Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; and Alturas Field Office BLM - (530) 233-4666. Private access may be restricted or fee required. DFG contact: (530) 233-3581.
732	Period 2 General Buck	3282/35	89	40	Sept.1-9	
738	Archery Buck	289/8	75	10	Aug 4-12	
ZONE 4 - LASSEN						
740	Period 1 General Buck	3579/50	90	50	Aug. 18 - 26	Antelope on public and private land. Public land managed by Lassen NF - (530) 257-2151; and Eagle Lake Field Office BLM - (530) 257-0456. Private access may be restricted or fee required. DFG contact: (530) 254-6808.
742	Period 2 General Buck	2664/50	86	50	Sept. 1-9	
745	Archery Buck	363/10	50	10	Aug. 4-12	
ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY						
750	General Buck	702/8	100	10	Aug. 18 - 26	Antelope on public and private land. Public land managed by Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; Lassen NF - (530) 257-2151; and Alturas Field Office BLM - (530) 233-4666. Private access may be restricted or fee required. DFG contact: (530) 254-6808.
755	Archery Buck	40/1	0	1	Aug. 4-12	
ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY						
760	General Buck	1296/10	70	10	Aug. 18 - 26	Antelope on public and private land. Public land managed by Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; and Surprise Valley Field Office BLM - (530) 279-6101. Private access may be restricted or fee required. DFG contact: (530) 233-3581.
765	Archery Buck	74/1	0	1	Aug. 4-12	

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Bighorn Sheep Hunting

The maximum number of preference points for bighorn sheep is 10.

Application Restrictions

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for each applicant.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2012, possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license and must not have received a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year. Only one nonresident may be drawn for a bighorn sheep tag annually.

Applicants cannot apply as a party for a bighorn sheep tag.

Bighorn Sheep Tag Quota Splits Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on DFG science-based proposals and public input. (T14-708.15(b),(c) & (d))

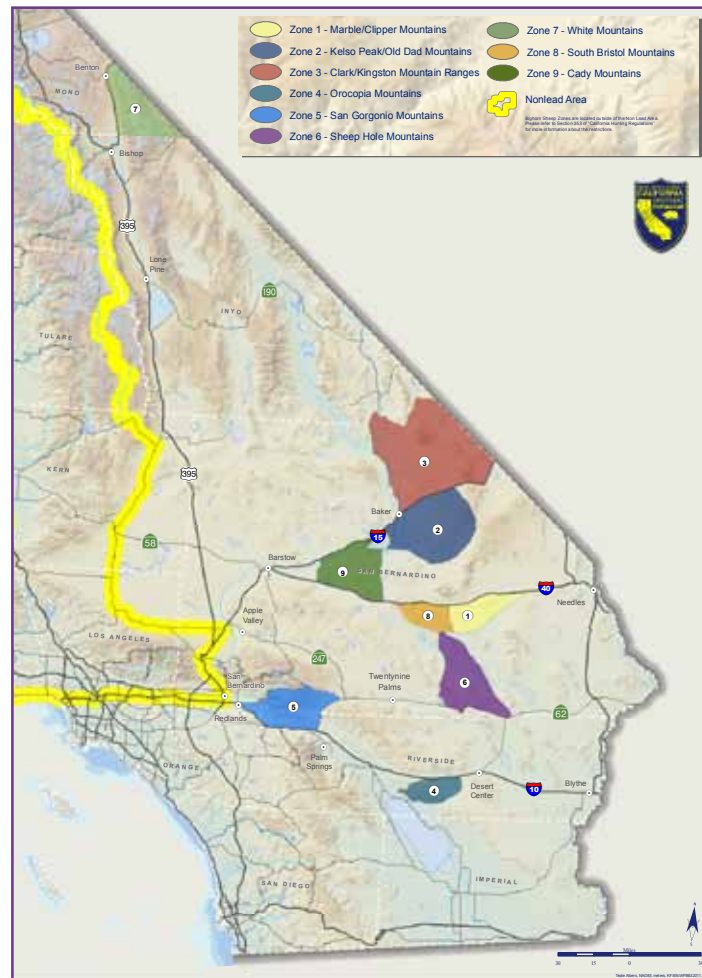
- For quotas of one, the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two, one tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three, two tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

All applicants will receive a Big Game Drawing Receipt, containing their hunt choice, party leader name and Party Identification Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Big Game Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the transaction within four hours and the hunter must reapply. If the transaction has exceeded the four hour limit, the applicants must contact the DFG's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573 or e-mail point@dfg.ca.gov.

Drawing Results

Beginning June 22, 2012, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from DFG license sales offices. Applicants may also look up their draw results by entering their customer information on DFG's web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.



Notifying Applicants

Successful applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2, 2012; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

Tag Fees & Payment Deadline

Fee payments from successful applicants for bighorn sheep tags must be received by DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on July 16, 2012. Should there be unclaimed tags for any zone after that date; the alternate list for that zone shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee:

Resident - \$381.25

Nonresident - \$507.50

Hunt Orientation

Successfully drawn applicants and recipients of fund-raising tags must complete the hunter orientation requirement. Successful applicants will be notified by mail of the date and location of the hunter orientation.

FOR INDIVIDUAL HUNT ZONE MAPS PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/WILDLIFE/HUNTING/SHEEP

NEW RANDOM DRAWING FUND-RAISING BIGHORN SHEEP

Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep Tag (NEW)

DFG has added one Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep tag to the Fund-raising Random Drawing. The Fund-raising Random Drawing sheep tag allows the hunter to hunt in the Kelso/Old Dad Mountains zone with any legal method. The hunt dates are from November 3, 2012 to February 3, 2013.

Any resident or nonresident who will be age 16 or older as of July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they want for the Fund-raising Random Drawing sheep tag.

If successful for the bighorn sheep tag, hunter must attend the Department's mandatory bighorn sheep hunter orientation meeting before the tag is issued.

As an added bonus for the hunter who draws the sheep tag from that random drawing, a private entity, San Geronio Wilderness Outfitters, has offered free guide services for the hunt in Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains zone to the recipient. For more information, visit www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/fundraising.html



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2011 BIGHORN SHEEP TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Area	Total Quota	Preference Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
501	Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains	4	3	1	1670	473
502	Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	4	3	1	2068	636
503	Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	2	1	1	574	142
504	Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains	1	0	1	393	51
505	Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Mountains	2	1	1	741	157
506	Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains	2	1	1	468	74
507	Zone 7 - White Mountains	4	3	1	1435	243
508	Zone 8 - South Bristol Mountains	2	1	1	379	97
509	Zone 9 - Cady Mountains	3	2	1	1518	501
599	Point Only - Bighorn Sheep	0	0	0	3600	372

2012 PROPOSED* BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2011 Applicants/Tags	2011 Hunter Success (%)	2012 Tag Quota	2012 Hunt Dates	Information
599	Point Only	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only.			To earn a point, applications must be submitted by June 2, 2012.	
501	Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains	1670/4	100	4	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596
502	Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	2068/4	100	4	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596
503	Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	574/2	100	2	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596
504	Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains	393/1	100	1	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596
505	Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Wilderness	741/2	100	2	Dec. 15 - Feb. 17	Access extremely difficult. Travel by horseback recommended. Access fees may be required on private land.
506	Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains	468/2	50	2	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Extremely rugged terrain. Vehicle access very limited. (760) 413-9596
507	Zone 7 - White Mountains	1435/4	75	4	Aug. 18 - Sep. 30	Extremely rugged terrain at very high elevations. Altitude sickness has affected previous hunters. Physical condition should be above average. Vehicle access limited to none (760) 872-6585.
508	Zone 8 - South Bristol Mountains	379/2	100	2	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596
509	Zone 9 - Cady Mountains	1518/3	100	3	Dec. 1 - Feb. 3	Vehicle access limited to designated routes. (760) 413-9596

*Subject to final approval by the California Fish and Game Commission on April 11, 2012. For information on approved tag quotas and season dates, please contact your nearest DFG license sales office after April 18, 2012; or go on-line at: www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/tags/index.html

Wild Pig Hunting

Wild Pig Tags

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid California, current year hunting license may purchase wild pig hunting tags. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase; however, tag fees are nonrefundable, and tags cannot be transferred from one person to another. For tagging requirements, see page 13.

Wild Pig Hunting Season

Tags are valid throughout the current hunting year July 1 through June 30. There is no bag or possession limit for wild pig. For more information on pig hunting and regulations, please go to DFG's website at www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig.html

Legal Methods of Take

Generally, wild pigs may only be taken using archery equipment, rifles, .40 caliber or greater muzzleloaders, shotguns and pistols, or revolvers. **Knives and spears are not legal methods of take for wild pigs in California.** Please see the California mammal hunting regulations (T14-353) for detailed information.

Individual hunters may be accompanied by one non-hunting partner. Only three hunters are allowed to hunt at any given time. Only muzzleloading rifles as described in Section 353, Title 14 (CCR) may be used. A pre-hunt orientation is required, and all hunters are required to check in and check out of the hunt area. DFG personnel will be onsite during the hunts.

Two-day permits will be issued to hunters by drawing only for all pig hunt periods. Each hunter may apply only one time for each hunt period. No party applications will be accepted. Please visit <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig/specialhunts.html> for more information and details on how to apply for this limited hunting opportunity.

More Information

Additional information about these hunts and others may be obtained by visiting DFG's special pig hunts webpage: www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig/specialhunts.html. The DFG continues to work with resource conservation partners to provide these special pig hunts. Additional special opportunities will be announced on this webpage as they become available.

WILD PIG HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Cleveland National Forest

The Cleveland National Forest reports increasing wild pig populations in portions of the Palomar and Descanso ranger districts. Primary concentrations are located with the San Diego River drainage and associated tributaries. It is important for hunters to understand that while there are opportunities to legally hunt on public land, access points are very limited. It is your responsibility to know where you can legally hunt.

Information on where you can hunt and roads you can use to enter remote areas of the forest can be obtained from your nearest Forest Service office or by visiting the Cleveland National Forest website:

www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/recreation/hunting/index.shtml.

You may also contact the ranger districts by phone:

Cleveland Supervisor's Office: (858) 674-2901

Palomar Ranger District: (760) 788-0250

Descanso Ranger District: (619) 445-6235

East Park Reservoir

DFG is permitted by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a limited public entry, permit-only pig hunt to control a small population of wild pigs on a portion of East Park Reservoir in western Colusa County. The area consists of grassland, oak woodland, brush and some wetland areas.

Top 15 Counties for Wild Pig Hunting

County	3-year average reported take
Kern	658
Monterey	621
Tehama	319
San Luis Obispo	279
Sonoma	270
Mendocino	269
San Benito	165
Lake	144
Santa Barbara	122
Colusa	118
Santa Clara	99
Shasta	86
Glenn	78
Fresno	75
Tulare	65

Bear Hunting

Bear Tags

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag. Bear tags can be purchased and obtained directly from any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online.

Bear Hunting Season

Archery bear season in all bear zones open August 18, 2012, and runs through September 9, 2012. The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 and extends through December 30, 2012. In the remaining deer X zones, the season open October 13, 2012, and extends through December 30, 2012. DFG shall close the season earlier if 1,700 bears have been reported taken. For daily updates on reported bear harvest, visit our website: www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/bear/harvest.html or call toll-free (888) 277-6398.

SUMMARY OF BEAR REGULATIONS

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has a valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided.

Any bear hunter who utilizes dogs to take bear must so indicate on the bear tag in the space provided.

Only DFG employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag. If department offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

It is unlawful to take a cub or a sow accompanied by one or more cubs.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a DFG office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag

by Feb. 1, of the current license year. The tag may be presented to a DFG office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a DFG office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of DFG. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned.

It is illegal to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is illegal to hunt bear over bait, or within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

It is illegal to sell parts of any bear in California, including portions of legally-taken bears imported from other states. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull, which becomes the property of DFG.

The use of dogs is prohibited during the archery season for bear.

It is illegal to use more than one dog per licensed hunter for bear hunting in areas when the general deer season is open. After the close of the general deer season an unlimited number of dogs may be used.

You cannot pursue bears with dogs unless you have a valid, unused bear tag in your possession. However, a hunter who does not have a bear tag may be in the field with a hunter who does have a valid bear tag in possession. The hunter possessing the tag may use your dogs. If you do not have a valid, unused, bear tag you may not possess a firearm, archery gear, crossbow, or other weapon capable of killing or capturing a bear while accompanying a hunter in the act of taking a bear.

Dog Control Zones - The use of dogs for pursuit, take, or for dog training is restricted in Dog Control Zones. For physical boundary descriptions of all Dog Control Zones, consult the California Hunting Regulations, Mammals and Furbearers.

The use of dogs for the pursuit, take of mammals, or for dog training is prohibited in Dog Control Zones from the first Saturday in April through the day preceding the opening of the general deer season. T14-265(a)(4).

The use of dogs for the pursuit, take of mammals, or for dog training is allowed in Dog Control Zones from the

opening day of the general deer season through the first Friday in April. T14-265(b)(1).

Pursuits or dog training may not be started within 400 yards of a baited area. T14-265(b)(5).

BEAR DEFINITIONS

Bear cub: a bear less than one year old or weighing less than 50 lbs. T14-365(c).

Bait Related to Bears: Any material capable of attracting a bear. T14-365(e).

Baited Area: Any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed. T14-257.5.

Treeing Switch: Device on a dog collar consisting of a switch mechanism that results in a change in the transmitted signals when the dog raises its head to a treed animal. T14-265(d)(1).

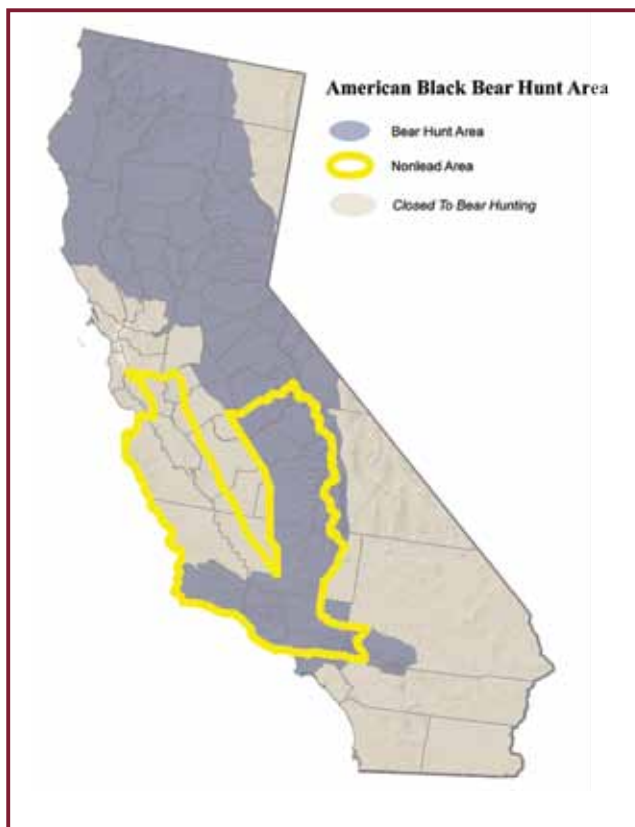
USE OF DOGS FOR PURSUIT/TAKE

No more than one dog per hunter may be used in the area where the general deer season is open. T14-265(c)(1).

Up to three dogs per hunter may be used for the purpose of taking wild pigs, except: 1) No more than one dog per hunter may be used in an area where the general deer season is open; and 2) No dogs may be used in Dog Control Zones from the first Saturday in April through the day preceding the opening of the general deer season. T14-265(c)(2).

After the general deer season closes, there is no limit on the number of dogs that may be used during the general bear season. T14-265(c)(2)(C).

Electronic dog retrieval collars employing the use of Treeing Switches or Global Positioning System Equipment are prohibited.





MANAGING THE STATE'S BEAR POPULATION

Information received from bear tags and bear teeth is used to evaluate the status of the state's bear population and to develop future hunting regulations. Please take the time to become familiar with the mammal hunting regulations and carefully complete all portions of your bear tag. Our goal is to provide a healthy, huntable bear population for future generations to enjoy.

All bear hunters are required to return their bear tags whether or not they are successful. Please answer the questions on the bear tag to the best of your ability even if you are unsuccessful in taking a bear. The information we receive from unsuccessful bear hunters is also important. The Department of Fish and Game will close the bear hunting season immediately if it determines that 1,700 bears have been taken. This includes bears harvested during the archery season. For your convenience, here is a summary of the 2012 hunting regulations. You should be familiar with all game laws prior to hunting.

BEAR SEASONS FOR 2012

ARCHERY: August 18, 2012 – September 9, 2012

GENERAL: General bear season opens concurrently with general deer season in the A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 deer hunting zones. See 2012 California Mammal Hunting Regulations for opening dates. In the remaining deer hunting X zones, bear season begins October 13, 2012.

Bear season will close on December 30, 2012

OR When the Department determines that 1,700 bears have been reported taken.

FOR DAILY UPDATES ON REPORTED BEAR HARVEST, CALL TOLL-FREE (888) 277-6398 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/bear/harvest.html

MANDATORY PRESENTATION OF BEAR SKULL

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a Department office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of the Department. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned. (Section 367.5, Title 14 of the CCR) Please see appointment section and office phone numbers below.

IMPORTANT! Place a stick or other object in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do not present frozen skulls to have the premolar tooth removed. Premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

Whether or not you are successful, all bear tags must be returned to the Department of Fish and Game no later than February 1, 2013. If you fail to return your 2012 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of Section 708.12(e), Title 14, CCR.

PLEASE CALL AHEAD BEFORE BRINGING YOUR BEAR SKULL TO A DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a Department of Fish and Game Employee. Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. All Department of Fish and Game offices will validate bear tags. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

The Department is requiring a premolar tooth be extracted from EVERY bear taken during the hunting season. This will provide wildlife biologists with sufficient information to refine bear management. The premolar tooth will be processed by cutting it in cross section and examining it under a microscope. The bear's age can then be determined by counting annual growth rings, similar to tree rings. You will be notified of the age of your bear in the fall/winter of 2013.

BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION APPOINTMENTS

If you cannot locate a DFG employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All Department of Fish and Game offices will validate bear tags.

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or a tooth pulled. Please leave your bear skull in your vehicle until you check in for your appointment.

Redding (530) 225-2300

Rancho Cordova (Sacramento) (916) 358-2900

Yountville (707) 944-5500

Fresno (559) 243-4005

FIELD OFFICES

Eureka (707) 445-6493

Crystal Lake Hatchery (530) 335-4111

Darrah Springs Hatchery (530) 474-3141

Iron Gate Hatchery (530) 475-3420

Mt. Shasta Hatchery (530) 926-2215

Trinity River Hatchery (530) 778-3931

Feather River Hatchery (530) 538-2222

Warm Springs Hatchery (707) 433-6325

Red Bluff Screen Shop (530) 528-9405

Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (530) 459-3926

Yreka Screen Shop (530) 841-2550

Mendota Wildlife Area (559) 655-4645

Ontario (909) 484-0167

Los Banos Wildlife Area (209) 826-0463

San Diego (858) 467-4201

Mokelumne River Hatchery (209) 759-3383

Monterey (831) 649-2870

Bishop (760) 872-1171

La Grange (209) 853-2533

Los Alamitos (562) 342-7100

Kern River Hatchery (760) 376-2846

Merced River Hatchery (209) 563-6401

Moccasin Hatchery (209) 989-2312

HUNTING OUT OF STATE?

It is the responsibility of out of state hunters to be aware of all laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which they are going to hunt. Proof of Hunter Education is required. Take note that the California equivalency certificate will not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal disease that affects deer and elk, has been detected in wild herds in eleven states. To prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease into California, the DFG has imposed tight restrictions on the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk into California.

"NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE"

When returning home with deer and elk harvested out of state, hunters must follow California's strict regulations to avoid bringing CWD into our state. The California regulations can be summarized in one phrase: "No skull, no backbone."

FOLLOW OTHER STATES' CWD REGULATIONS

If you will be hunting out of state in a known CWD endemic area, you should receive information at the time you receive your hunting tag(s) regarding disposal of the carcass remains and mandatory or voluntary CWD testing.

HANDLE GAME WITH CAUTION

- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses;
- Bone out meat from the animal;
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal cord, eyes, spleen, and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues;
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

CALIFORNIA'S CWD REGULATIONS

No hunter harvested deer or elk (cervid) carcass or parts of cervid carcass shall be imported into the State, except for the following body parts: boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat, portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, hides with no heads attached, clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached, antlers with no meat or tissue attached, finished taxidermy heads, upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories). Section 712, Title 14, CCR.

LACEY ACT

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act (T16, US Code 1406). Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 26 states, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC. The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution. Licenses or tags purchased prior to or during a suspension are not refundable. For further information contact the Department of Fish and Game's Law Enforcement Division, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 653-4094.



A deer and elk affected by Chronic Wasting Disease.



IMPORTATION LAW: SECTION 2353 FISH & GAME CODE

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibia may be brought into this state and possessed if legally taken and legally possessed outside of this state and a declaration is submitted to the Department of Fish and Game or a designated state or federal agency at or immediately prior to the time of entry.

Declaration is not required if shipped by common carrier under a bill of lading.

This form may be photocopied. The original copy of the declaration form shall be retained by the person importing the fish or game into the state. One copy shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, within 24 hours after entering the State. One copy shall be deposited at the point of entry with any state or federal agency or officer, and one copy shall remain with the fish or game if transported by other than owner or common carrier.

"Point of entry" refers to the city or town nearest your point of entry into California.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DECLARATION FOR ENTRY INTO CALIFORNIA OF GAME, FISH, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS

Description	Number	Pounds
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The above species of fish and/or game were legally taken and possessed by

in the County of _____ State of _____

It is illegal to import any animal for commercial purposes prohibited by California law or regulation.

Hunting License Number _____

Angling License Number _____

Vehicle License Number _____

Game Tag Number _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____

Entry into California via Highway _____

Date of Entry _____

General Info

For complete regulations, please visit the Fish and Game Commission website at www.fgc.ca.gov

Hunting License Requirements

Anyone applying for a hunting license must provide evidence that they meet hunter education requirements. Applicants must present one of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An Annual California Hunting License issued in any prior year;
- A Two-Day Nonresident California Hunting License issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a unique number imprinted on it ex: (AA00000) or a California hunter education certificate with no unique number imprinted and a California hunter education validation stamp affixed;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state, province, European Country or South Africa.

Validation of License

To be valid, every California Hunting License shall be signed by the licensee. Proof of identification must be presented at the time of initial purchase. In addition, the license must contain the following information about the licensee: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

Acceptable proof of identification:

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship.
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

- Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification described above or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed above.)

License Provisions

A valid California hunting license is required to take any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them upon request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown upon request. A trapping license is required to sell furs of furbearing mammals and nongame mammals, regardless of the method of take.

Junior Hunting License Eligibility

To qualify for a Junior Hunting License, a hunter must be less than 16 years of age at the beginning of the license year (July 1).

Disabled Veteran Hunting License

Disabled veterans may be eligible for a reduced-fee hunting license. To qualify for this license, you must submit both of the following: a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that you have a 50 percent or greater service connected disability and were honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements. Veterans may submit a previously issued Disabled Veterans Hunting License at a DFG license sales office. After your license has been issued through ALDS, hunters may renew the license at any DFG license sales office, license agent or online. Hunting tags and species validation must be purchased at the full fee.

Duplicate Hunting License

Your customer record will contain a history of all your license purchases. If you lose your license or additional validations, you can go to any DFG license sales office, license agent or online and purchase a duplicate license and validations for a reduced fee.

Lost or Destroyed Big Game License Tags

To replace a lost or destroyed deer, bear, elk, antelope or bighorn sheep tag, hunters must submit a Duplicate Big Game Tag Affidavit signed under penalty of perjury by the tag holder, confirming that the originally issued big game tag was lost or destroyed and cannot be recovered. A fee of \$9.53 for the duplicate big game tag must also be submitted with the affidavit to the

nearest DFG license sales office. Contact your nearest DFG license sales office for an affidavit or visit our web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg301.pdf.

Disabled Archer Permit

The Disabled Archer Permit authorizes the disabled archer to use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position, to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag or during archery season as described in subsection 354(j). The Disabled Archer Permit is valid for one year, from July 1 through June 30, and requires certification by a licensed physician that the hunter cannot hold a bow in the firing position. If the language from the physician indicates that the hunter's disability is permanent the hunter will be able to provide a copy of their previously-issued Disabled Archer Permit to obtain a new permit rather than obtaining certification from a licensed physician again. Contact your nearest DFG license sales office for an application or visit our web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/reducedfee.html.

Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit

The Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit allows a hunter to use a 1X scope on a muzzleloading rifle, as described in subsection 353(k), with a muzzleloading rifle-only tag. To qualify, a hunter must provide certification from a licensed physician stating the hunter is unable to focus on the target utilizing muzzleloading rifles equipped with open or "peep" sights. Permits are valid for one year, from July 1-June 30, and are free of charge. If the physician certifies the hunter's disability as permanent, the hunter need only submit a copy of a previously-issued permit to obtain future permits. Permit applications can be obtained at a DFG license sales office or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/reducedfee.html.

Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License

A Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License allows a hunter to discharge a firearm from a vehicle that is stopped and its engine turned off. Qualifying applicants must obtain a certified statement from a licensed physician describing the applicant's permanent disability. Hunters will also need to be in possession of a valid California hunting license. Contact your nearest DFG license sales office for an application or visit our web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1460.pdf.

License Privileges Can Be Revoked

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. (FGC 12155, T-14 745.5)

Harvest Information Program (HIP) Validation Requirement

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2012/2013 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. To take the survey you must request a HIP validation at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online. You will be asked the survey questions and a HIP validation will print directly onto your California hunting license (if obtained in the same transaction as your hunting license) or on a separate document (if purchased in a later transaction). There is no charge for the HIP validation. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in their immediate possession.

Hunter Education Classes

Classes include at least 10 hours of instruction in a wide range of topics, such as hunting ethics, wildlife conservation and management, safe firearms handling, first aid, survival, wildlife identification, and care of game. There is a minimal fee to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses. To find a hunter education class in your area, visit www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.aspx. For further assistance, call one of the numbers listed on the regional contact page on page 5. You can also take a hunter education course online. The online course is recommended for ages 12 and above which includes a 4-hour hands-on (practical) training with a certified Hunter Education Instructor.

Hunter Education Equivalency Exams

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment at DFG regional offices for a fee. In some states, the California equivalency certificate may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.

Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class after 1989. DFG does not have records before this date. If the class was completed prior to 1989, the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. Contact your nearest DFG license sales office for the fee and additional information.

Archery Training

The DFG recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Please visit www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.aspx or www.nbef.org for information on class availability.

Frequently asked questions

ALDS

Q. What is the Automated License Data System (ALDS)?

A. ALDS is an automated licensing data system that electronically links to a central database. ALDS replaced the manual paper-based licensing system used by DFG and license agents.

Q. What benefits does ALDS offer license customers?

A. ALDS offers these benefits and more:

- DFG license sales offices and license agents will never run out of inventory.
- License agents will have more items available for sale. All license agents can issue the entire license catalog of sport fishing and hunting items. Licenses are also available online.
- Applications are paperless. Licensees no longer have to fill out customer information on multiple forms each year.
- Licenses, permits, tags, report cards and validations will be available for sale at the same date and time from all DFG license sales offices, license agents and online.
- An electronic database will track customer purchases. Customers who lose their license, tag or validation can purchase a duplicate at a reduced fee.
- Customers purchasing base hunting and sport fishing licenses and validations online can print temporary hunting and fishing licenses that can be used immediately while waiting for the license to arrive in the mail. Customers purchasing report cards and tags online must wait for the actual license document to arrive in the mail before hunting or fishing for those species.
- Hunters can purchase and obtain a deer tag or bear tag directly from their local license agent. Hunters can also purchase these tags online but must wait for the tag to arrive in the mail before hunting for those species.
- Hunters can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any DFG license sales office or license agent or online. Party members no longer have to apply at the same time.
- Licenses, permits, tags, report cards and validations can be purchased online 24 hours a day.
- DFG can survey licensees to gather data for fish and wildlife management that may lead to more recreational opportunities for hunters and anglers.

Q. How is ALDS easier and faster?

A. You will not have to fill out multiple paper forms each season. A customer's personal information is entered into an ALDS terminal when their first license is purchased through ALDS. This information is stored in a secure centralized database, making future purchases faster. On future purchases, the customer can just show any previous ALDS license, which can be scanned by the sales clerk to retrieve the customer record.

Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?

A. The first time you purchase a license through ALDS you are required to provide identification. This ensures DFG will have an accurate record of our license customers in an electronic database. Providing unique identification will help DFG serve you better and will improve:

- Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest surveys;
- Tracking customer preference points for DFG's annual Big Game Drawing.
- Providing access to duplicate licenses

DFG does not share or sell customers' personal information

Q. What is the GO ID and how do I use it?

A. The first time each customer applies for any license, permit, tag, validation or report card, they are issued a permanent Get Outdoors Identification Number or GO ID. This unique GO ID is printed on every item issued from ALDS. It is used to retrieve your customer information each time you purchase a license, apply for drawings, or look up drawing results. Your GO ID is also used to track your Big Game preference points.

Q. How will licenses be issued in ALDS?

A. Licenses will be issued through an online Point of Sale (IPOS) terminal at DFG license sales offices and more than 1,400 license agents located across the state. Licenses are also available online. A record of all licensee information and purchases made is captured and stored in the ALDS database.

Q. What does an ALDS license look like?

A. All licenses, permits, validations, tags and other entitlements will print from the IPOS on generic waterproof, tear-resistant paper at the time of purchase. Licenses can fold to credit card size or smaller.

Q. Can I laminate my license?

A. Licenses should never be heat laminated as this will

destroy the license. If exposed to extreme heat, licenses will darken and become discolored. However, a discolored license is still valid as long as the text and signature are still readable.

Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?

A. Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.

Q. Do I still have to punch tags and fill out report cards since they're now part of my ALDS license?

A. Yes. All requirements for tagging, identifying and verifying take still apply.

Q. I purchased my new hunting license and 2012 California Duck Stamp and received a license with the California Duck Validation printed on it, but no stamp. What happened to the actual stamp that I have collected for years? Don't I need the stamp affixed to my license to hunt?

A. ALDS handles stamps much differently by printing the privilege or validation on your license. You do not need the physical stamp to hunt. The California Duck Validation authorizes you to hunt waterfowl in California (along with the Federal Duck Stamp and free HIP Validation). DFG knows that many hunters collect the physical stamps. Hunters who purchase a 2012 California Duck Validation can claim a collectible duck stamp online at the address printed on their 2012 hunting licenses. Stamps will be mailed at the end of the license year (after July 1, 2013.) Hunters who purchase the Upland Game Bird Validation will be eligible to receive a collectible Upland Game Bird Stamp in the same manner.

Q. Will there be increased costs with ALDS?

A. Regulations authorize a three percent non-refundable application fee which is applied to each item. The application fee is capped at \$7.50 per item and will help operate and maintain the new automated system.

2012 FUND-RAISING RANDOM DRAWINGS FOR DEER, ELK, ANTELOPE AND BIGHORN SHEEP TAGS

Q. Do I need to have a 2012-2013 hunting license to apply?

A. Applicants are not required to possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license at the time of entry. However, the successful tag holder shall possess a valid 2012/2013 California hunting license before the tag is issued.

Q. Is there a limit on the number of times I can apply?

A. No. There is no limit to the number of Fund-Raising Random Drawing applications; you may apply as many times as you want for each tag.

Q. How much does it cost to apply for a Fund-raising Random Drawing tag?

A. The application fee is \$5.66 per hunt choice.

Q. What is the deadline to apply?

A. The deadline to apply is June 2, 2012.

Q. How can I verify the tags I applied for?

A. Yes, you may access your customer profile online and view all of your drawing selections at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Q. How do I apply for Fund-raising Random Drawing tags?

A. You can purchase your 2012 Fund-raising Random Drawing tag application from any DFG license sales office, license agents or online for \$5.66.

Q. What are the requirements to apply for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tags for big game?

A. You do not need a hunting license to apply, but you must purchase one to obtain the tag if you are drawn. There is no limit to the number of applications you can submit for Fund-raising Random Drawing tags.

- For deer, elk, and antelope, any person who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2012 can apply for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tags.
- For bighorn sheep, any person who will be age 16 or older as of July 1, 2012 can apply for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag.

Q. If I am drawn for a Fund-raising Random Drawing tag, will I lose my preference points?

A. No. Preference points are not part of the fund-raising random drawing tag process. Preference points are only earned and applicable towards the general big game tag drawings.

Q. If I am drawn, how much are the fees for Fund-raising Random Drawing deer, elk, antelope and sheep tags?

A. If you are drawn for a Fund-raising Random Drawing deer, elk, antelope or sheep tag, the tag will be provided at no additional charge.

Q. If I apply in the Big Game Drawing and receive a premium deer zone tag, can I still receive the Fund-raising Random Drawing Open zone deer tag?

A. Yes, you would receive both.

Q. If I apply for the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising Random Drawing and win, but already have two deer tags, can I still get the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag?

A. Yes, however, hunters are restricted each year to no more than two deer tags. In this case you would have to surrender either your First-deer or Second-deer tag prior to issuance of the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising tag.

BIG GAME DRAWING

Q. Where can I apply for the Big Game Drawing?

A. You can apply for the big game drawing at a DFG license sales office, license agent or apply online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Q. How will I know that my tag choices for the drawing were entered correctly?

A. Verify that your tag choices are printed correctly on your Big Game Drawing Receipt. You may access your customer profile online and view all of your drawing selections at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Q. Under ALDS, how can we apply as a party for drawings?

A. There are two ways to apply as a party:

- Members of a party can apply in the same sales transaction at a DFG license sales office, license agent or online and can link the applications together as a party; or
- If applying in separate transactions, the first party member will become the party leader. The party leader's Big Game Drawing Receipt will have the Party Identification Number printed on it. The party leader can give this number out to the other members of his/her hunting party. When other members apply, they will provide the Party Identification Number. When the Party Identification Number is entered in the drawing application ALDS screen, it will bring up the hunting party and link the members to the party. The members will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and you will all be in the drawing together. Party applications may be made up of transactions submitted online, DFG license sales office and license agents.

Q. Can my hunting party apply online as a party?

A. Yes. New for 2012, members of a party can apply online in the same transaction. All party members' Big Game Drawing Receipt will have the Party Identification Number printed on it. The party members can give this number out to the other members of his/her hunting party. When other members apply online, they will enter the Party Identification Number in the drawing application screen; it will bring up the hunting party and link the members to the party. The members will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and you will all be in the drawing together. Party applications may be made up of transactions submitted online, DFG license sales office and license agents.

Q. I am the party leader and am applying for deer tags and an elk tag. Do I give the same Party Identification Number to the other party members?

A. No. You will have Party Identification Numbers for each species. Your Party Identification Numbers are printed on your Big Game Drawing Receipts. Make sure you give the deer Party Identification Number to members of your deer hunting party and give the elk Party Identification Number to the member of your elk hunting party.

Q. I am a member of a party applying for deer tags. Can any party member apply first?

A. Yes. A party leader is the first person in the party to apply and is assigned a Party Identification Number. The party leader can give the party number to other applicants, so they can join his/her party.

Q. I don't have my party leader's Party Identification Number. Will the license agent be able to join us together?

A. No. You must have the Party Identification Number to join another hunter's party. This is done to ensure that only hunters the party leader allows may join his/her party. DFG license sales offices and license agents cannot provide you with another hunter's Party Identification Number, only the party leader or members of the party can provide you with their Party Identification Number.

Q. Can a junior hunter be a member of my party?

A. Yes, as long as they possess a valid junior hunting license and are at least 12 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying.

Q. Can a member of my party be a nonresident?

A. Nonresidents may apply in a party for deer, but not for elk or antelope.

Q. Can one of our party members choose a different zone or hunt as their second or third tag choice?

A. No. All party members' tag choices must be the same.

Q. How can I apply for a point and get an unrestricted deer or restricted deer hunt tag?

A. Submit a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application with a first choice of point only code (PD) on or before June 2, 2012, and the second choice will be the unrestricted deer hunt or restricted deer hunt tag. You will receive a point through the drawing and be mailed the unrestricted deer hunt or restricted deer hunt tag, after the drawing.

Q. How do I apply for a deer preference point and a D7 tag?

A. See answer to previous question. Submit your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application by June 2, 2012. Apply for a preference point on your first choice (use hunt code PD) and D7 as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point and receive a D7 tag in the second round of the drawing (if the D7 tag quota has not filled by the second round of the drawing). The tag quota for D7 has never come close to filling in the Big Game Drawing, so this should be a sure way to apply for a preference point and receive a D7 tag in 2012.

Q. I obtained an A tag on my first deer tag. I want a D6 tag. Do I need to wait until August 2nd to apply for a D6 tag?

A. No. Current regulations limit you to one restricted deer hunt tag before August 2nd. Your restricted deer hunt tag can be your second deer tag, provided you have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag and you do not have a pending drawing application.

Q. Can a junior hunter apply for a premium deer zone and an Apprentice Hunt on the same application?

A. Yes. Junior hunters who wish to apply for an Apprentice Hunt and a premium deer hunt on the same application must use a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Submit your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application by June 2, 2012. Apply for an Apprentice Hunt or Premium deer hunt as your first choice (which ever you want the most) and the other as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point if you are unsuccessful in receiving your first choice and receive your second choice tag in the second round of the drawing (if the zone you chose has not filled by the second round of the drawing).

Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for an X zone tag. Can she apply with me for an X zone tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt?

A. Yes. You both can apply as a party for the X zone tag using your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Your daughter can apply for the Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for a restricted deer tag (D6). Can she apply with me for a restricted deer hunt tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt.

A. Yes. You both can obtain a restricted deer tag (D6) as your First-Deer Tag. Your daughter can apply for Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. Will a junior hunter earn two deer preference points if he/she is unsuccessful for both deer tag applications for a premium deer hunt and an Apprentice Hunt tag?

A. No. Hunters may only earn one preference point per species. (Section 708.14(c), Title 14 of the CCR). Junior hunters submitting two applications in the drawing will earn one preference point if they are unsuccessful in their first choice tag on both applications. If they are successful in their first choice tag on either application their preference points will be reset to zero.

Q. Why have zones C, D12, and D17 been changed to premium deer hunt tags which are issued through the drawing?

A. The demand for C, D12 and D17 tags is high. In 2009, the tag quota for D12 and D17 filled before the big game drawing was conducted and the tag quota for C tags filled before the second round of the drawing was completed. The most equitable method to distribute tags for zones in which the demand exceeds supply is to issue them by drawing.

Q. Are my chances of getting a C, D12 or D17 tag reduced because they are now a premium deer tag?

A. The quota for these zones has not changed. Your best opportunity to get a C, D12 or D17 tag is to apply for one of these zones as your first tag choice on your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Applications must be submitted by June 2, 2012.

Q. What is a Modified Preference Point System Drawing?

A. Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in draw-by-choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, or other special criteria (such as those for apprentice deer hunts).

Q. How do I earn preference points?

A. You may earn one preference point per year, per species, as follows:

- Deer - Earn one preference point if you apply for the premium deer tag drawing but are not drawn for your first tag choice.
- Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep - Earn one preference point for each species if you apply for the drawing for that species but do not receive a tag.

Q. When do I lose preference points?

A. You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

- Deer - You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.
- Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep - You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you receive a tag for that species.

You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

Q. I do not wish to apply for a premium deer hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point?

A. Purchase a 2012/2013 California hunting license and First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Submit your application for the point only code (PD) as your first tag choice. You can purchase your hunting license and submit your First Deer Tag Drawing Application at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or you can apply online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/>. Your application must be submitted by June 2, 2012.

Q. I am unable to hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point for elk, pronghorn antelope or bighorn sheep?

A. Purchase a 2012/2013 California hunting license. Submit the appropriate application with the nonrefundable processing fee for that species and the point only code for that species. You can purchase your hunting license and submit your big game drawing applications at any DFG license sales office, license agent, or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. Your application must be submitted by June 2, 2012.

Q. My application for a premium deer hunt tag was not accepted by the ALDS sales terminal, will I still be able to receive a preference point for this year. Will I lose my points from previous years because my application was not received?

A. No. You will not be able to receive a preference point for this year and you will not lose your previously accrued preference points. However, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. Applying late is considered the same as not applying.

Q. If I am drawn for my first choice tag for a premium deer tag or hunt that does not fill in the drawing, do I still lose my preference points?

A. Yes. If you are drawn for your first choice premium deer tag, you lose all your points for deer, whether or not the tag quota fills for that tag or hunt.

Q. If I am drawn for an elk, pronghorn antelope, or bighorn sheep tag but do not purchase the tag, do I lose my preference points for that species?

A. No. If you do not purchase the tag, you will not lose your preference points.

Q. How will DFG track my preference points?

A. DFG tracks preference points for current and future drawings using the information you provide on your drawing applications, including name, date of birth, and GO ID number. For DFG to accurately track your preference points, you must provide the same personal information and GO ID number on your drawing applications each year. If you have changes or corrections to your mailing address, you may log into your customer profile and update at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/. If you have changes or corrections to your name, identification number or date of birth, you must notify DFG in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch
1740 N. Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
or email: point@dfg.ca.gov

Q. How can I check my preference point totals in ALDS?

A. If you apply for the Big Game Drawing each year, you will receive a letter, with a drawing worksheet and your point totals each year before the Big Game Drawing. Your preference point totals are printed on your Big Game Drawing Receipt. You can also check your points online at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/.

Q. I lost my deer or bear tag. Where can I obtain a duplicate?

A. Duplicate deer and bear tags are available only at DFG license sales offices. You must complete an affidavit and pay the duplicate fee to obtain a duplicate tag. Under current regulations, a hunter may obtain only one duplicate of each tag per year.

Q. Why can't I submit the same hunt choice more than once on my deer drawing application?

A. If you were not drawn for a tag in a previous round, then there were no tags remaining at the end of that round; therefore, there is no chance of being drawn for that tag in the next round of the drawing.

Q. I am applying in the deer drawing and have the maximum number of points. If I apply with someone who does not have any points, are my chances of drawing a tag less than if I applied alone?

A. Yes. The preference point value for party applications entered in the Big Game Drawing is determined by averaging all party members' deer preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down

(Section 708.14(e), Title 14 of the CCR). For example, if you are applying with a party member who has zero points and you have 10 points (the maximum for 2012), your party's preference point total will be 5 (10 total points divided by two party members). Your chances of drawing a tag will be less than if you had applied alone. Your party's application will not be processed in the preference round of the drawing until all applications with greater than 5 points have been processed.

Q. The deer drawing statistics indicate that a hunter with less preference points than my party average was drawn for our first choice hunt. Why weren't we drawn?

A. Party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags (Section 708.15(a)(2), Title 14 of the CCR). Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses the party and moves on to the next ranked application to fill the tag quota. For example, when the final tag is issued in the preference point portion of the drawing, there may be parties with a preference point value large enough to be awarded tags; however, since there is only one tag, these applications would be bypassed. The last tag would go to the next highest ranked application with only one member, which may have less preference points than the bypassed parties.

Q. If a junior hunter applies for a premium deer hunt on a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application and an Apprentice Hunt on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application, how are the tag choices processed in the drawing? Which application has a higher priority?

A. Neither deer tag application has a priority. The computer assigns each deer tag application a unique random number. The preference point value for each application is calculated the same way, the success or non-success of one application does not affect the other application.

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This includes all projectiles from any legal firearm, including centerfire rifles, shotguns, pistols, and revolvers, as well as muzzleloading rifles and rimfire firearms. A list of non-lead legal ammunition for hunting in the condor range can be found on the DFG Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor/.

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Sage Gomes, 14, with her first elk

A Family Outing Brings Hunt of a Lifetime



Hanna Gomes, 17, with her antelope in Big Valley

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SAGE GOMES of Fort Jones landed the hunt of a lifetime in fall 2011, when she was drawn for the Marble Mountains Roosevelt Apprentice Either Sex Elk Tag.

Sage's family – including mom Andie, dad Reece and 17-year-old sister Hanna – decided to make a weeklong camping trip out of it, and packed up for their adventure in the wilderness north of Eureka in early September.

Sage has been a licensed California hunter since she was 10 years old and had taken two deer in previous years, but she had never hunted elk before. Her father Reece, a lifelong hunter himself, assured her that she was under no pressure to kill a big bull, small bull, or cow ... and even going home empty-handed was not a failure. On the second day of the hunt, they spotted a 5 x 6 bull elk, but chose to pass it up on the advice of guide Dean McBroom. Reece comforted his

disappointed daughter by promising her that if she managed to shoot a bull bigger than the one she'd passed on, he'd give her his rifle.

If she managed to shoot a bull bigger than the one she'd passed on, he'd give her his rifle.

The following day, after a 10-mile hike, father and daughter stopped to rest and cow call. Reece heard something crashing through the brush and told Sage to get ready. Minutes later, she got the perfect shot - at 113 yards - and ended up with a giant 6 x 6 bull that topped 1,000 lbs. It will feed her family for over a year.

Sage won her father's rifle, of course ... and used it to take a nice buck later in the year. Hanna also drew an antelope tag and got "a heck of a nice antelope" in Big Valley, according to their dad.

Congratulations to sisters Sage and Hanna, a shining example of California's new generation of hunters.

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What's New

Fund-Raising Random Drawing Tags

www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/fundraising.html

In addition to the 13 auction fund-raising tags available through our conservation partners, DFG is offering four Fund-Raising Random Drawing Tags for 2012.

NEW for 2012! DFG has added a Bighorn Sheep and a Pronghorn Antelope Tag!

Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep Tag (NEW)

DFG has added one Kelso/Old Dad Mountains Bighorn Sheep tag to the Fund-raising Random Drawing. The Fund-raising Random Drawing sheep tag allows the hunter to hunt in the Kelso/Old Dad Mountains zone with any legal method. The hunt dates are from November 3, 2012 to February 3, 2013.

Any resident or nonresident who will be age 16 or older as of July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they want for the Fund-raising Random Drawing sheep tag.

If successful for the bighorn sheep tag, hunter must attend the Department's mandatory bighorn sheep hunter orientation meeting before the tag is issued.

As an added bonus for the hunter who draws the sheep tag from that random drawing, a private entity, San Geronimo Wilderness Outfitters, has offered free guide services for the hunt in Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains zone to the recipient.

Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope Tag (NEW)

DFG has added one Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope tag to the Fund-raising Random Drawing. The Fund-raising Random Drawing antelope tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Northeastern antelope zones, (Mount Dome, Clear Lake, Likely Tables, Lassen, Big Valley and Surprise Valley) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from July 28, 2012 to September 16, 2012.

Any resident or nonresident who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they want for the Fund-raising Random Drawing antelope tag.

Open Zone Deer Tag

An Open Zone deer tag allows the hunter to hunt during the authorized season dates for any zone or hunt, using the specific method and meeting any special conditions of the tag for that hunt.

Any resident or nonresident who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they want for the Fund-raising Random Drawing deer tag.

Owens Valley Elk Tag

The Fund-raising Random Drawing tule elk tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Owens Valley zones (Bishop, Tinemaha Mountain, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence, Whitney and Lone Pine) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from July 28, 2012 to August 26, 2012.

Any resident or nonresident who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2012 may apply as many times as they want for the Fund-raising Random Drawing elk tag.

This Year?

Tag Fees at Work

New legislation was approved in 2010 which created the Big Game Management Account (Section 3953, Fish and Game Code). This law requires that all revenues from the sale of pronghorn antelope, elk, deer, wild pig, bear, and bighorn sheep tags (including fund-raising tags) be used for management activities directly associated with those species. In addition to land acquisition and enforcement, the following activities are examples of how these funds are spent:

- Population Monitoring: helicopter and ground surveys; capture and radio-collaring; population modeling and harvest database management.
- Habitat Monitoring and Improvement: re-seeding for fire rehabilitation; improvements to and creation of artificial water sources; identification of important habitats (migration routes, fawning areas, summer/winter ranges); controlled burns and other brush treatments; fencing.
- Disease Monitoring: testing for Chronic Wasting Disease and other diseases impacting big-game species; investigations into "hairless deer" syndrome.
- Hunting Regulations: preparation of Environmental Documents to support hunting regulation proposals; coordinating with Fish and Game Commission to implement new proposals.
- Hunter/Public Outreach: coordinating with various interest groups; maintaining big game information on web-site; producing various Departmental publications; responding to phone calls and emails from the public.



2012 GAME WARDEN STAMP

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HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Do you love to hunt? The Department of Fish and Game needs volunteer Hunter Education Instructors! Pass on the tradition of hunting to future generations!

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ADVANCED

Take basic hunter education to the next level

Advanced Hunting Clinics focus on the “how-tos” of hunting. Advanced Hunter Education Clinics are designed for both the novice and experienced hunter. The clinics expand on what is taught in the basic Hunter Education and provide one to two days of training at a level that time does not allow for in the standard hunter education course.

What happens at an Advanced Hunter Education Clinic? At every hunting clinic, there is a portion of time devoted to biology, habitat needs, hunting regulations, game care and safety. Additionally participants will discuss hunting techniques and hunter ethics. All clinics include some form of field demonstration or “Hands On” training.

Some of the clinics teach you what to do after you pull the trigger; students are taught the proper way to field dress an animal, how to butcher and prepare for the table. At other clinics, we have hands on exercises ranging from loading and shooting a black powder rifle to a map and compass course.

For additional information about the Advanced Hunter Education Program as well as clinic dates and locations, visit www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/.

Right: California Hunter Education Instructors (l-r) Carl Gowan, Kevin Ryan and Bill Shippen shown with deer harvested on the hunt awarded them by Catalina Island Conservancy for their years of volunteer service to the state.

Below: Hunter Education Instructors pass on the tradition of hunting to future generations.



Laws & Regu

The laws and regulations on the following pages are summarized from the California Fish and Game Code (FGC), the California Penal Code (PC) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (T14). The summaries are intended only as a guide and not a replacement for the complete laws and regulations. To access the entire California Fish and Game Code and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, visit the DFG Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/enforcement. For the complete California Penal Code, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov.

GENERAL TERMINOLOGY

Bag Limit: The maximum limit, in number or amount, of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians that may lawfully be taken by any one person during a specified period of time.

Possession Limit: The maximum, in number or amount, of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians that may be lawfully possessed by one person.

Big Game: Deer (genus *Odocoileus*), elk (genus *Cervus*), pronghorn antelope (genus *Antilocapra*), wild pig (feral pigs, European wild pigs and their hybrids [genus *Sus*]), black bear (genus *Ursus*) and Nelson bighorn sheep (subspecies *Ovis canadensis nelsoni*). T14-350.

Condor Range: The geographic area where lead is prohibited is exactly the same area described in the recently enacted AB 821 - Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Act (Nava) and entered into the Fish and Game Code as section 3004.5. To assist hunters in understanding and visualizing affected areas, the lead prohibition area is also known as deer hunt zones D7, D8, D9, D10, D11, D13, and most (but not all) of the South A zone.

DRAWING TYPES

Modified Preference Point Drawing System: A drawing system which utilizes both a Draw-By-Choice drawing and a Preference Point drawing for awarding hunting tags to drawing applicants. T14-708.14(a).

Draw-by-choice Drawing: A drawing in which tags are awarded according to an applicant's hunt choice and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest), without consideration of accumulated points. T14-708.14(a)(2)(B).

Preference Point Drawing: A drawing in which tags are awarded based on the following order of priority: an applicant's hunt choice (first choice only for deer), accumulated point totals by species (highest to lowest), and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest). Applicants who are unsuccessful in receiving a tag for premium deer (based on first choice selection), bighorn sheep, elk or pronghorn antelope hunts shall receive one preference point for use in future Big Game Drawings. T14-708.14(a)(2)(A).

Junior Hunting License: A reduced-fee license for hunters under age 16. FGC 3031.

License Year: A 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. FGC 3037.

Projectile: Defined as any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot or other device which is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force. T14-353.

Resident: Any person who has resided continuously in California for six months immediately before the date of application for a license, tag or permit; persons on active duty with the armed forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch; or Job Corps enrollees. FGC 70.

METHOD OF TAKE DEFINITIONS FOR BIG GAME

Legal Methods of Take for Big Game:

- Rifles using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding projectiles, bow and arrow, or muzzleloading rifles may be used to take big game. A projectile is defined as any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot or other device which is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force. T14-353(a).
- Shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing single slugs may be used for the taking of deer, bear and wild pigs. In areas where the discharge of rifles or shotguns with slugs is prohibited by county ordinance, shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing size 0 or 00 buckshot may be used for the taking of deer only. T14-353(b).
- Pistols and revolvers using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding projectiles may be used to take deer, bear, and wild pigs. T14-353(c).
- Pistols and revolvers with minimum barrel lengths of 4 inches, using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding projectiles may be used to take elk and bighorn sheep. T14-353(d).
- Crossbows may be used to take deer and wild pigs only during the regular seasons. T14-353(e).
- Within the Condor Range, only projectiles certified by the Commission as non-lead may be used or possessed while taking big game. T14-353(h).

Bow and Arrow Defined: A bow is any device consisting of a flexible material having a string connecting its two ends and used to propel an arrow held in a firing position by hand only. Bow includes long bow, recurve or compound bow. A legal arrow is a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter. Mechanical/

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retractable broad heads shall be measured in the open position. No arrow with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. T14-354.

Crossbow Defined and Restrictions: Any device consisting of a bow or cured latex band or other flexible material (commonly referred to as a linear bow) affixed to a stock, or any bow that utilizes any device attached directly or indirectly to the bow for the purpose of keeping a crossbow bolt, an arrow or the string in a firing position. A crossbow is not archery equipment and cannot be used during the archery deer season. Crossbow bolts with a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter shall be used. No bolt with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. T14-354.

Muzzleloading Rifle Defined: Rifle in which the charge and projectile are loaded from the muzzle. This includes wheellock, matchlock, flintlock or percussion type, including "in-line" muzzleloading rifles using black powder or equivalent black powder substitute, including pellets, with single projectile loaded from the muzzle and at least .40 caliber in designation. T14-353(a).

Season: That period of time during which game mammals may be taken. All dates are inclusive. T14-258.

Shooting Time: Legal California time for the date specified. For example: during the days when California is on Pacific Daylight Saving Time, Pacific Daylight Saving Time is intended; when California is legally on Pacific Standard Time, Pacific Standard Time is intended. When reference is made to sunrise or sunset time, such reference is to the sunrise or sunset time at the location of the hunter. T14-250.5.

Shooting Hours on Big Game: Hunting and shooting hours for big game, including but not limited to deer, antelope, elk, bear, and wild pig shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. T14-352.

Take: Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill. FGC 86.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Take game mammals except as permitted by regulations. T14-250.
- Hunt big game without a valid hunting license and tag. FGC 1054.2.
- Hunt with a crossbow during archery season (except with a Disabled Archer Permit). T14-354(g).
- Possess a firearm while hunting during archery season or while hunting during the general season with an archery-only tag. T14-354(h).
- Take spike bucks. FGC 204(d).
- Pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except when the motor is off and/or the sails furled and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole. T14-251.
- Harass, herd or drive any game or nongame mammal or furbearing mammal. T14-251.1.
- Knowingly feed big game mammals. T14-251.3.
- Take mammals within 400 yards of any baited area. This does not apply to the taking of mammals on or over standing crops, croplands, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations or procedures. T14-257.5.
- Take bears within 400 yards of any garbage dump or bait. T14-365(e).
- Take more than two deer per license year. T14-708(a)(1).
- Intentionally discharge a firearm or release an arrow or crossbow bolt from a bow or crossbow upon or across any highway, road or other way open to vehicular traffic. T14-354(e), FGC 3004(b).
- Nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle. T14-354(i).
- Hunt with bow or crossbow that will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards. T14-354(f).
- Hunt big game from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. T14-352.
- Use dogs for pursuit/take, or for dog training, during the archery seasons for deer or bear. T14-265(a)(1).
- Use dogs to take elk, bighorn sheep and antelope. T14-265(a)(2).
- Use dogs for pursuit/take of, or for dog training on, mountain lions (except under authority of a depredation permit). T14-265(a)(3).
- Use an artificial light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal. FGC 2005.
- To deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, rubbish, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird. FGC 5652.
- Fail to send a complete written report to the Department within 48 hours after killing or wounding while hunting, any human being, or domestic animal belonging to another, or after witnessing such killing or wounding. FGC 12151.5.
- Use a shotgun larger than 10 gauge for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, a shotgun capable of hold-

ing more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. FGC 2010; T14-311 and 353(b).

- Possess a machine gun, silencer, shotgun with barrel less than 18 inches in length, or rifle with barrel less than 16 inches in length. PC 12020.
- Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird or mammal. FGC 10500. However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung. FGC 10506. (National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.)
- Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession; FGC 1054.2. Change, mutilate, or transfer any license, tag, or stamp; Have in possession while hunting any license belonging to another person. FGC 1052.
- Damage other's property while hunting. FGC 2004.
- Sell or barter game taken under authority of a hunting license. FGC 3039.
- It is unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public.
- A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine.*
- The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. (FGC 2006)

*NOTE: Except as provided in subdivision [PC 12031](b), (c) or (d), every person who carries a loaded firearm on his or her person or in a vehicle while in any public place or on any public street in an incorporated city or in any public place or on any public street in a prohibited area of unincorporated territory is guilty of a misdemeanor (PC 12031(a)).

A firearm shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell, consisting of a case which holds a charge of powder and a bullet or shot, in, or attached in any manner to, the firearm, including, but not limited to, in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip thereof attached to the firearm; except that a muzzle-loader firearm shall be deemed to be loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder (PC 12031(g)).

PUBLIC ROAD OR OTHER WAY OPEN DEFINED:

"Public road or other way open", particularly, with respect to safety regulations, includes any roads, dirt or otherwise, trails, open fields, parking lots, etc., open to public access.

WHO CAN COUNTERSIGN DEER AND ELK TAGS?

Persons Authorized to Validate or Countersign Deer and Elk Tags (T14-708.6(c))*

STATE

1. Fish and Game Commissioners
2. Employees of the Department of Fish and Game, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors
3. Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
4. Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors
5. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

FEDERAL

1. Employees of the Bureau of Land Management
2. Employees of the United States Forest Service
3. Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service
4. All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
5. Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation.
6. Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station.
2. Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts.
3. Notaries Public
4. Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)
5. Officers authorized to administer oaths
6. Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business.

* No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer tag or tag. T14-708.6(b).



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